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TODAY

Japan shaken by collapsing broker

Clinton flies to aid of his Asian allies

From Tom Rhodes IN WASHINGTON AND JASON NISSE

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday guaranteed America's itment to the troubled economies of Asia as the possible collapse of Yamaichi, one of the big four Tokyo brokers, threatened the biggest financial failure in Japan since the Second World War. The board of Yamaichi was

meeting late last night to decide whether to cease trading after 100 years. The Bank of Japan also met to thrash out a financial package to support investors who have deposited Y24 trillion (£110 billion) with Yamaichi. Other Japanese banks react-

ed quickly to reassure the markets that they were still solvent. A key supporter of Yamaichi, Fuji Bank, said there was a possibility it may suffer losses on up to Y20 hillion of loans.

The Tokyo markets are closed today for a public holiday but the Nikkei index is expected to fall sharply tomorrow. However, experts predicted that the problems of 'Yamaichi -- following earlier collapses of Sanyo Securities and Hokkaido Takushoku, Japan's tenth largest bank may have a positive effect of

the Japanese markets. Roger Bootle, chief economist at HSBC, said the markets had already discounted the possibility of Yamaichi closing after revelations about its links with organised crime zand its large liabilities. Japanese analysts said the move would speed up deregulation,



which could benefit US brokers such as Merrill Lynch, Goldman Sachs and Morgan

Arriving in Vancouver yes-terday on the eve of the annual gathering of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. Mr Clinton attempted to calm portraying America as a Pacific power.

America's future and Asia's future are joined," he said. "With such deep stakes in the region, our security and our economic interests must go hand in hand."

But the summit, starting today, could not come at a worse time as the 17 Asian and North and South American members of APEC are nearly all wounded by global eco-nomic forces beyond their

On Friday, South Korea, the world's eleventh biggest econ-

my and a country the US Treasury views as a "firewall" between the Asian market chaos and the two economic superpowers of America and Japan, became the latest victim of what has been described as the Asian flu of

collapsing markets. Seoul was forced to follow Thailand and Indonesia in calling on the International Monetary Fund for a bailout of perhaps more than the \$50 billion that Mexico needed in 1995. The turmoil has been felt in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the Philippines.
Mr Clinton, who was hold-

ing talks yesterday with Jean Chretien, the Canadian Prime Minister, and is to have informal meetings this week with President Jiang Zemin of China and Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, is unable to offer more than reassuring words.

When he convened the first APEC heads of state summit in Seattle in 1993, he had just pushed through the landmark Agreement. But Mr Clinton arrived this time only weeks after Congress blocked his efforts to win so-called "fast track" negotiating authority.

Mr Clinton, maintaining that he would win that authority early next year, vowed to forge ahead with his drive for free trade, the pillar of his Asia policy embodied in a 1994 agreement with the Asia-Pacific countries to create a freetrade zone as early as 2010.

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Atlantic rowers' 41-day voyage cuts 32 days from record

By BARRY PICKTHALL

RECORD transatlantic rowers Phil Stubbs and Rob Hamill were celebrating victory in Barbados yesterday after crossing the Atlantic in just 41 days, 32 days fewer than the previous best time.

The New Zealand pair, who could not afford £5,000 needed for a radio and do not have enough for an air fare home. did not know that they had won the 3,000 mile race until sighting the palm trees of Port

St Charles on Saturday.

They finished 570 miles ahead of their closest rivals from France and have left the best British team trailing by

Hamill, who won a silver medal in the world two-man skiff championship in 1994 and represented New Zealand at last year's Olympic Games in Atlanta, was surprised by the margin of their victory. "We had no idea we were even in the lead. If we bad known that, we would have probably slacked off."

Sir Chay Blyth, who organised the race to com-memorate his own two-man transatlantic crossing with fellow paratrooper John Ridgeway in 1966, said: "This is that adventible is still alive. I was amazed by their speed. At times they were going at five knots which shows true grit and typical

Stubbs, a policeman and lifeguard rower, who has his eye on an Olympic rowing medal in 2000, said that the hardest part had been the preparation and training. The money has always been a problem and we are still in debt. We don't even have the money for our tickets home." Hamill, a sea-sickness sufferer, put himself through an aerobatics course and sailed

across the North Sea to try to overcome the problem. As a result he suffered only slightly for four days after starting from Tenerife with 28 other teams on October 12.

They stopped rowing only once — during at 50-knot gale which they had to sit for two days with their 24ft boat holding station with a sea anchor. But the problem that almost broke them was water. Their desalinator broke down on day 12 and again on day 30. We repaired it but for the last II days we could only produce around 15 litres a day. We were drinking twice that much and had to supplement our supply from emergency ra-tions," Stubbs said.

Sores, which had plagued the pair during training were overcome with contoured sliding seats and sheepskin cushions. Stubbs said: "We rowed naked most of the way except for gloves which stopped our hands blistering. Our fingers are a bit numb but apart from

that we're still very fit." Nine of the 28 teams have been forced to give up although two individuals are continuing to row despite the fact that their partners have been taken off the boats. One crew has been disqualified for getting outside help. The next rowers are expected to reach Barbados at the end of this

Two British brothers were rescued earlier this month after they went missing for six days. Matthew and Edward Boreham were one third of the way through the 3,000 mile

crossing.
The transatlantic rowing record was set in 1971 when two British oarsmen Don and Geoff Allum rowed from Las Palmas to Barbados at an average of 37.04 miles a day.

Britain 'must not help extremists'

President Muharak of Egypt attacked Britain for giving shelter to Islamic extremists and thus encouraging attacks such as the Luxor massacre last week in which 58 tourists. He said: "If you do not want your sons to be killed, why do you protect killers?"...Page 12

Task for Major

John Major's appointment as Prince William's and Prince Harry's legal protector - an honest broker between their mother's estate and the Revenue — is unlikely to stop the Treasury gaining much of their inheritance.



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Brown rejects softer Budget line on benefits, spending and pay

By Philip Webster AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

GORDON BROWN will tomorrow try to quell demands for a softer approach to bene-fits reform with a warning to ministers and the public that there can be no let-up over

spending or pay.

Delivering his first pre Budget report against the background of a rising Labour revolt over cuts in single parent and disability allowances, and new figures sug-gesting that public finances are far healthier than expected, the Chancellor is expected to say that "vigilance" is now more important than ever for

He will call on all British workers to keep wages down in the interests of avoiding higher mortgage rates while well into the next century. But he is also likely to say

that Labour should avoid the "mistakes of the past" by "erring on the side of caution" in its treatment of public borrowing. It should avoid the error of the "Lawson boom" years in the late 1980s when the Conservative Government eased up, only for public finances to worses a grip.
the recession rook a grip.
to Treasury

According to Treasury officials, Mr Brown's message will be that "this is just the point where we have to remain There is considerable suspi-

cion among MPs of all parties that Mr Brown wants to be as rigorous as possible in the early years of the Government in the hope of loosening the purse strings nearer the next say, is that wage responsi-bility is a price worth paying to achieve jobs now and

prosperity later". Ministers are privately bracing themselves for a clash with a public sector union during the winter. For that reason Mr Brown, in present-ing his "green" budget, is expected to make plain that the private sector must also shoulder the burden.

With unemployment at its lowest for years the Government fears that the level of wage rises, currently running at 4.25 per cent, will jeopardise inflation target, which would mean higher interest

and mortgage rates.

But Mr Brown and Tony Blair are anxious that the

excuse to ask for more money. In an interview yesterday Mr Blair urged voters to keep faith with his Government

and angrily denied that it was failing to keep its promises to the poor and socially excluded. Last week, however, saw the first signs of internal rebellion since the election, with Labour MPs openly attacking Harriet Harman over her plans to reduce benefits for single parents.

Potentially more serious was the threat of more concerted opposition to a central plank of the proposed shakeup of the welfare state — propos-als to cut benefits for 6.5 million disabled people by encouraging many of them into work. The main objective

Grieving Paula Yates in Sydney

PAULA YATES, the grieving lover of Michael Hutchence arrived in Sydney last night as local police refused to confirm earlier reports that the lead singer of INXS had hanged himself and also denied reports that he had died during a sex game. Lawyers for Ms Yates also denied the sex story

The police were looking for an Australian actress, Kim Wilson, and her boyfiend, Christopher Stollery, who are believed to have visited Hutchence in the bedroom of his hotel shortly before he

They also wish to question Ms Yates about the state of Hutchence's mind during the past few days. Results of a post mortem examination are expected today.

Death denial, page 3

Ferries bar violent cross-Channel bootleggers

promising borrowing figures

AND STEWART TENDLER

A CRACKDOWN on cross-Channel crime by police and ferry companies has led to the stamping of offenders' passports so suspects are banned from ferries and trains.

Five ferry firms operating from Kent ports and the Channel Tunnel rail operator Le Shuttle have joined the scheme. Offenders are banned indefinitely.

The move is part of a crackdown coordinated by Kent police in reaction to a spiral of violence between rival bootlegger gangs at Dover. But as the pre-Christmas booze cruise business eaches its peak, passengers are also being banned for offences such as shoplifting, drunkenness and attempts to buy duty-free shopping passes from passengers. The initiative,

said by Dover Harbour Board and the ferries to have Home Office approval, may eventually be used against football hooligans. Under the scheme suspected offenders are apprehended under legal powers enjoyed by the masters of all ships. Passports are stamped on the spot with each company's ensignia — SF for Sea France, ST for Stena Line and PO for

P&O European Ferries. Check-in staff have been told to look out for the stamps and offenders are then denied boarding. Sea France has stamped the passports of eight passen-gers trying to travel through Dover.

The scheme is aimed particularly at bootleggers who make multiple crossings and abuse the duty-free system on ships. They try to buy up duty free vouchers from passengers and there have been complaints of intimidation, abuse and violence

against staff. Police believe gangs from Newcastle, Liverpool, Manchester and Leeds have joined in the highly profitable trade. In August two men in their thirties were shot within 15 minutes in separate incidents. Assault, burglary and car theft have also increased significantly in

Yesterday Kent police said the passport scheme comes after a special conference last month with the chief executives of the ferry companies, Dover Harbour police, immigration officers and Customs. Dover Harbour police said the idea has the blessing of the Passport Office, which has agreed where stamps can be placed.

The ban will cover ten offences including trying to buy duty-free shopping passes from other passengers, causing malicious damage, behaving abusively, defrauding gaming visit Calais next month alone.

machines, passing counterfeit or sto-len credit cards, and giving false information when checking in.

Robin Wilkins, managing director of Sea France, said the move had received the approval of immigration officials. The stamping of passports was a policy applied only "in extreme

We are not prepared to tolerate violence, abuse or physical damage. We are talking about persistent offenders or those who go completely over the top." P&O Ferries said: "The move is to

try to combat bootlegging. It is a major

problem in Dover — it was getting a bit like Chicago." winter when fares fall as low as £10 for a car and nine passengers. A million legitimate shoppers are expected to



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NEWS IN BRIEF

The Government will come under pressure this week from MPs, unions and mining communities to prevent the

A leaked paper from the Department of Trade and Industry has revealed that ministers are braced for a series of pit-closure announcements before Christmas. About 5,000 jobs could be lost over the next few months, as contracts expire between between RJB Mining - Britain's

biggest producer — and the electricity generators, according to figures based on DTI estimates submitted to

the European Commission. Mick Clapham, Labour MP

for Barnsley West, who chairs the all-party coal communi-

Labour faces crisis

over pit closures

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Hague to move private office in power shake-up

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

WILLIAM HAGUE is planning to shift most of his private office out of the Commons to Conservative headquarters in a move to improve party morale and strengthen his authority as leader.

And in a move that will please party professionals, he has promoted Sebastian Coe, the former Olympic champion who lost his seat at the election, to be his private secretary and chief of staff.

The shake-up is seen by insiders as further proof that Mr Hague intends to take more account of the party membership than any recent Tory leader. The move to Central Office is seen as symbolising his desire to listen as much to the rank-and-file as to MPs, who are still blamed throughout the party for the debacle of May I.

Mr Hague wants to give party activists some 35 per cent of the vote in future leadership elections — and he is believed to favour an early party referendum on the sin-

gle currency to secure backing for his hardened line of ruling out British membership for at least ten years.

The move to Smith Square is part of the biggest overhaul of the party's organisation since the war. Mr Hague also wants to improve the cohesion of the organisation, and answer complaints that the views of party headquarters are not always taken on board.
The appointment of Mr Coe.

who replaces Charles Hendry, another former MP who becomes director of business relations, was praised yesterday by members of the Shadow Cabinet who believe that he can be relied upon to offer sensible, non-ideological advice to the leader. The reorganisation comes as Mr Hague again faces the task of lifting his party after its dismal performances in the Winchester and Beckenham by-

elections last week. Yesterday he was advised by several senior figures that he needs to adopt a more

Members oppose party changes

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

WILLIAM HAGUE is facing a grassroots revolt over his plan to give members of the Conservative Party a vote in leadership elections.

Four groups of constituency activists have joined forces to challenge the Hague plan, starting with a series of national newspaper advertise-ments published today. They accuse Mr Hague, who has staked his future on the reforms, of forcing through undemiocratic changes, which would have been declared illegal under trade union legis-

lation introduced by the party. The four groups, the Charter Movement, Party Referendum Steering Committee, ised to Conservative One-Person One-Vote Group, and the Con-same opportunity.

servative Democratic Movement, which was set up by Peter Gregory, a Yorkshire millionaire, have started a well financed campaign to block the changes. They have demanded that Mr Hague hold elections for the most senior posts, including the party chairmanship, as the

Eric Chalker, a trustee of the charter movement, said last night: "Trade unions, under the Tories own laws, were forced to ballot the membership on the election of their officers. But the Tory Party, which Mr Hague has promzive back to the members, is being denied the

price for their continued sup-

flexible line on Europe of he is to win the next general

David Curry, who resigned from the Shadow Cabinet over the single currency stances said the Tories needed a 'broad church" approach on Europe to widen their appeal.

Many traditional Tory supporters might be more open to persuasion on the question of a single currency than Mr. Hague believed, he said. "I think people appreciate that the issue is much more complicated than it might at first appear," he told GMTV's The Sunday Programme.

"People are much more pragmatic. I find that people want to decide for themselves in the Conservative Party. There is a real appetite for

Now that the Conservatives were in opposition they had the freedom to have a thorough debate within the party and should make use of this. "I don't believe we will help ourselves if we try to prevent the debate taking place," he

But Mr Curry criticised the decision of Peter Temple-Morris, MP for Leominster, for leaving the party. He said: "I believe absolutely firmly that we have to argue our corner from within the Conservative Party because the party has traditionally been the party of positive engagement in Europe."

The Labour leadership. meanwhile, remains confident that Mr Temple-Morris will at some point join them. He is to take his seat on the Labour benches this week, while sitting as an independent One Nation Conservative. Sir George Young, the shad-

ow defence secretary and another pro-European Conservative, said on BBC1's Breakfast with Frost programme that he was content with the agreed policy to oppose the single currency at the next election

"I'm quite happy where we are now, which is to rule it out for the next parliament."



Softer line rejected

Continued from page I of the programme is to try to get as many people as possible into work so that benefits can

be concentrated on those with

the most severe handicans. Options under consideration include taxing, meanstesting or time-limiting some benefits and replacing others with insurance schemes. The plans have met with opposition from some Cabinet ministers, including John Prescott and Frank Dobson.

This week the all-party parliamentary disability group is seeking an urgent meeting

with Ms Harman to express alarm. Lord Ashley, its chairman, said: "The proposed cuts will cause severe hardship and enduring resentment. All disability groups are implacably opposed to a backward-looking revision."

Alistair Darling, the Treasury Chief Secretary, addressed the concerns of Labour MPs in a speech to a Labour European conference at Eastbourne. Making many references to the need for tough choices and hard decisions", he said that putting the public finances on a sound footing would allow long term investment in health and education as well as delivering stability. "But that prize will only be ours if we make the tough choices essential in govemment. Facing up to hard choices, setting priorities and

sticking to them." Defending the welfare proposals, he said the key was helping people on benefit to become employed. The welfare system must be geared to promoting that employability. For too many people, getting a

Branson

hints at

deal over

Formula 1

By Philip Webster

THE Government is prepar-

ing for compromise over its

refusal to ban tobacco sponsorship of Formula One motor

Although ministers say pub-

licly that they will negotiate in Brussels for an indefinite ex-

clusion for Formula One, se-

nior government sources admit privately that a time

limit — with seven years the most likely period — will be

allowed for the sport to find

Richard Branson, the Virgin chief and unofficial adviser to

sponsorship, yesterday

other forms of sponsorship.

the Government on alterna

gave the clearest hint so far that ministers will dimb down

over an issue that has caused them more trouble than any

other since the general

Previously he has been strongly critical of the Govern-

ment's stance. But yesterday, in a conciliatory tone that

suggested concessions are in

the air, he said that he was

sure that a compromise

He even suggested the time limit: "Ten years would be a bit long. I think a compromise

of something like seven years

would be something that most

people would be happy to go along with." he said that the time limit should apply to all

Mr Branson said the Government was mistaken in its

claim that there was a risk to the jobs of 50,000 workers in

Formula One.

would be reached.



Brown: wants to make it easier for lower paid

job brings little additional benefit to the family income." Mr Brown's green budget, designed to promote public discussion in the run-up to next year's Budget, signals his intent to make it easier for the

ties group, said: "The Government should consider extending the rolling contracts." Astronomer burgled

An Omega watch given to the television astronor Patrick Moore by the astronaut Jim Erwin, who landed on the Moon with Apollo 15 in 1971, was among items stolen from Mr Moore's home at Selsey, West Sussex. A Military Cross awarded to his father in the First World War was also taken. Mr Moore was not at home at the time of the

Steel fence cuts truancy

A school with one of the worst records for truancy in the country has solved the problem by building an SR-high, £35,000, steel perimeter fence to keep pupils in. Teachers claim that it has already at the country that the country that it has already at the country that the country that it has already at the country that claim that it has already ent truancy figures at the 470-pupil Prankley Community High School in Birmingham which, last week, was named as the worst in the city and the fifth-

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Sacked postman ruling

Philip Cox, 36, from the West Midlands, who was sacked a year ago because of poor attendance - which he blamed on his asthma — may be offered his job back after a landmark industrial tribunal ruling that his asthma should have been taken into account. More than 700 residents on his round signed a petition calling on the Royal Mail to reinstate him.

House sellers beware

New proposals from estate agents, surveyors and neers would make house sellers responsible for providing the necessary proof that their property was a wise buy. They believe that the shift in onus could limit gazumping while halving the average 13 weeks it takes to complete a purchase. They will lobby Hilary Armstrong the Housing Minister, over the plans.

'Silent epidemic' threat

Almost one pregnant woman in five in Britain is infected with genital herpes, an international conference was told. Most are unaware that they are carriers of the incurable illness and can pass it on to their babies at birth. The International Herpes Management Forum in Cannes, heard of a silent epidemic spreading so fast that up to a third of the population in some areas was now infected.

Pupils try to save school

Pupils at a residential school for asthma and eczema sufferers are planning a sit in to save it from closing after 40 years. Pilgrims School, in Seaford, East Sussez, once had 65 papils but now cares for only 17 children. Invalid Children Aid Nationwide, the charity that runs it, said it had to close before Christmas because of rising costs. A parents' action committee has found 46 potential new pupils.

Scout killed at camp

A 17-year-old Venture Scout died when she fell under the wheels of a trailer. Michelle Stanley, from Sellindge, Kent, was part of a group from the First Saltwood Unit from Folkestone, carrying out repairs at the camp near East Grinstead, West Sussez. She was standing on a tractor, slipped and fell under the trailer wheels. Two other teenagers were treated for minor injuries.

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Yates denies her lover died in sex game

Policë await toxicology reports after INXS singer's body

found in hotel, writes Roger Maynard from Sydney

THE lawyer representing Paula Yates angrily denied reports last night that her lover, the rock star Michael Hutchence, had died when a bizarre sex game went wrong. As a distraught Miss Yates flew into Sydney with their daughter it was still unclear

whether Hutchence had died of over-indulgence or taken his own life.

and prescription drugs in the

Anthony Burton, Miss Yates's lawyer who said he was speaking on behalf of his client, rejected suggestions that the death was due to the sexual practice of auto-erotic asphyxia. "I condemn the scurrilous and grossly irresponsible speculation and fiction trailed as fact in some tabloids that 'kinky sex' led to Michael's tragic death."

Mr Burton, who broke the news of Hutchence's death to his client at the Chelsea home the couple shared, added: "There is no evidence whatsoever to support this." Police



Anthony Burton: broke news to Paula Yates

also distanced themselves from the reports.

Investigators also appeared to be backtracking from earli-er suggestions that Hutchence had taken his own life. A spokesman for the New South Wales police service refused to say Hutchence had committed suicide, adding only that detectives had taken away a leather belt for analysis.

The exact cause of his death is expected to be known today after a post-mortem examina37-year-old's body was discovered at midday by a maid in a suite at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Sydney, hanging by a leather belt from a door.

Inspector Dennis Smith of Rose Bay Police, would only say yesterday: "At this stage we are comfortable there are no suspicious circumstances." The singer had given no indication that he was suidical, the officer added.

Police were approous to talk to the Australian actress Kym Wilson and her boyfriend, Christopher Stollery, who are believed to have visited Hutchence in his bedroom. Witnesses said the couple joined the singer in his suite around midnight and did not leave until shortly before

dawn. The actress appeared in the soap opera E Street and the television drama Brides of Christ, both of which were shown in Britain. Hotel records indicate that Hutchence made a series of telephone calls after the couple's departure, including one to Paula Yates. He also phoned a friend about 9am, agreeing to meet her for breakfast. A police spokesman

Michael Hutchence and Paula Yates in Sydney last year with Heavenly Hiraani Tiger Lily. The couple planned to marry next year said the friend, whose identity he would not reveal, arrived at an hour later but could not get

an answer from Hutchence's room. She slipped a note under his door before leaving. Detectives were planning to interview Yates, 37, when she arrived in Sydney with her lo-month-old daughter by Hutchence, Heavenly Hiraani Tiger Lily.

After years of living, as he confessed, a life fuelled by sex. drugs and alcohol, the singer

little. He and Yates, who is divorced from Bob Geldof by whom she has three daughters, were due to marry in January on the South Sea island of Bora Bora. Nevertheless, the couple's relationship and her split with

appeared to have slowed up a

Geldof had been accompanied by lurid tabloid stories.

The wrangles with Geldof over their children and the house they had shared were acrimonious and legal dising to photograph the family after the birth of their daughter last year. Later there were allegations that drugs had been found at their home, but no charges were brought. There was speculation yesterday that these domestic trials had depressed Hutchence and there were further suggestions that he

putes continue. Hutchence

was involved in a clash with

photographers who were try-

was low because the 20-yearold band's latest album had not been a critical success. interviewed Hutchence's father, Kell, who had dinner with his son at a restaurant near the hotel on Friday night. One Australian

newspaper reported that the

two men and Hutchence's

steamother were seen smiling and laughing during the meal. But restaurant staff said Hutchence Sr at one stage looked concerned. His father put his hand on top of his. asking Michael if everything was all right and if he was OK," a waitress was quoted

as saying. Firneral arrangements have yet to be determined. Additional reporting by Damian Whitworth



BAND UNLIKELY TO CONTINUE WITHOUT STAR FRONTMAN AND SONGWRITER



INXS: after 20-year career and 11 albums, their 🚚 | | fatest recording passing a cipital species |

Michael Hutchence's death will almost certainly spell the end of his band INXS. Not only did Hutchence co-write most of the band's songs but it was his charisma which gave the band its star quality on record, stage and film. History suggests any attempt by the rest of the band to carry on without him could prove disastrous.

The three Farriss brothers - Jon. Andrew and Tim — and bassist Garry Beers may be well advised to round off their career with a Greatest Hits album in tribute to their singer but leave it at that. Sources at Mercury, their record label, claim it is too soon to speculate about the band's future. Ironically, the band are prominently featured in the new action film, Pace/Off which is currently doing good business' and critics alike.

around the world. Rock is littered with bands unsuccessfuly attempting to soldier on without their figureheads. Just last week Parlophone Records decided not to release a new single by the three surviving members of Queen because of lack of airplay and weak sales of its parent album, Queen Rocks. No One But You is Queen's first track not to feature frontman Freddie Mercury who died of Aids six years ago today. It will probably be their last.

A rare example of dressed up tracks from the vaults proving a critical success has been Jimi Hendrix The American guitar legend's family issued a completed version of his final album First Rays of the New Rising Sun this year which was welcomed by fans

Eye experts dismiss fears on laser pens as hysteria

GROWING public concern-over laser pointers, which are alleged to have caused eye damage in a series of violent assaults, was dismissed yes-

terday by leading specialists. Professor John Marshall, laser safety officer at Moorfields Eye Hospital in London, said it was "absolute rubbish" that anyone's eye could be permanently damaged by a commercially available laser pointer. The worst that could happen, he said, was a very temporary loss of vision, followed by a few minutes when the eyesight

became disorientated. These devices are incapable of causing any damage to the retina but because the myth is growing that they can, it is creating an intolerable workload for those of us who know about these things," he said. Professor Marshall, who runs the Ophthalmology Department at St Thomas's Hospital in London, said he was now being bombarded with Ian Murray reports on specialists

who say that claims of pain and

damage have created a new myth

thorities and lawyers, while is triggered by the patient and the Government was wonder not the laser strike. Heading whether the pointers should be banned. "The whole thing is hysteri-

cal," he said. "Doctors refer patients to us, but we are turning them all away." He. said that the pointers had a radiant emission of five milliwatts. Even if this was shone directly on to the eye, it caused less dazzle than a powerful flash bulb. While there were ately, will not can many claims for ocular injury, nent eye damage." none had been upheld.

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The files on sexual atti-

One victim of a laser-pen attack stremuously denied the claims. Carol Maryan, 35, was

driving home through Salisbury on Saturday night when a car of youths approached from behind. As they flashed their head lights and dodged aches have no role in laser her Toyota Space Cruiser, a damage." If irreversible damage occurred, he said, the patient, would experience a bright flash followed by a green after-image which would not fade, leaving a

Professor Marshall has sat An RSPCA spokesman said: on the World Health Organisation and International Red professor of opthalmology at the Institute of Ophthalmology, backed his comments: There may be temporary

pointers, but that is all."

red beam darted in front of her There was this red beam. It was going all over the car and bouncing off the mirrors," said Mrs Maryan. She contradicted the assertion that no pain could be caused: "Codswallop. I have had a splitting headache for hours. I can't bear normal household 40 watt lights. I just want to shut

"If these pointers can damage a human's eye, they will damage a car's eye. Even if they do not cause damage. they will cause distress and they should never, ever be



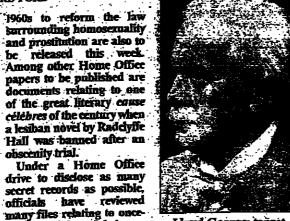
Secret Lloyd George death plot

By RICHARD FORD

SECRET government files 1960s to reform the law detailing a plot to murder David Lloyd George are to be released later this week. They will disclose how police became aware that a mother and daughter allegedly hatched a plot to kill the Prime Minister in 1917.

John Grigg, author of three volumes of the life of Lloyd George, said that the former Prime Minister's obscenity trial. great-grandson. Robin Lloyd George, had told him recently that he was aware that there had been a plot, controversial social issues but that few details were and have decided that many known. I will be really interested to discover what these documents tell us matters ground to the incident. It nas been talked about, but

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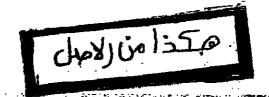
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Lloyd George: target of a murder plot

vality and prostitution. The report, now seen as a watermorality. recommended that homosexual conduct bepenalties for street prostitution But such was the political

climate at the time that the Conscrvative Government of Harold Macmillan took no action on its main recommendation about gay sex. But in 1959 the Street Offences Act was passed in an attempt to clear the streets of prostitutes though this had the effect of increasing trade It was to be ten years after

Wolfenden before the 1967 Sexual Offences Act was nassed effectively decriminalising gay sex between consenting male adults in private. Last night Leo Abse, the former Lab-our MP who piloted the bill into law, said: "These papers will be most interesting if they show who was lobbying against any change and



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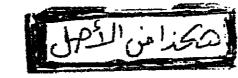


For once, the fox has a chance. On November 28th MPs vote on Michael Foster's Private Member's Bill to ban hunting with dogs. As 73% of the British public support a ban (MORI), we trust MPs of all parties will raise their hands. Or lower their heads.



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Major will try to cut Princes' £8.4m tax bill

THE appointment of John Major as legal and financial protector to Prince William and Prince Harry, which was confirmed yesterday, is unlikely to stop a large bulk of their inheritance passing to the Treasury.
The former Prime Minis-

ter's task will be to act as an honest broker between the trustees of the estate of Diana, Princess of Wales and the Inland Revenue, but it seems unlikely that even he will be able to prevent the Revenue seizing an estimated £8.4 million in inheritance tax from a legacy primarily intended for the late Princess's two sons.

Mr Major was chosen for the role by the Prince of Wales because of his close involve-ment in drawing up the late Princess's £17 million divorce settlement last year, and for what the Prince regarded as his discreet and efficient handling of a delicate issue. The Queen has given her approv-al, and Tony Blair has welcomed the choice.

Full details of the Princess's

The Princess received a £17 million divorce settlement but she had not drawn up a new will by the time of her death. Alan Hamilton reports

leaving assets variously val-ued at between £20 million and E40 million, with the intention that the bulk of it should go to her children. The first act of the Prince and Mr Major has been to appoint an independent firm of solicitors. Boodle and Co, to look after

the boys' interests. Until now the estate has been entirely in the hands of the late Princess's solicitors, Mishcon de Reya, who drew up the divorce settlement with Farrer and Co, the solicitors who represent the Queen and the Prince of Wales. The Princess's executors are her lawyer, Anthony Julius, her moth-

Princess died young, she did financial affairs to best advantage, and her trustees now fear that her £17 million divorce settlement may be prey to inheritance tax at 40 per cent. The Prince and Mr Major considered going to court to have the divorce settlement overturned in order to preserve the money for the boys. but palace sources said last night that that avenue had been abandoned by the estate's trustees, who feared it

look like special pleading by the Royal Family. The Princess's lawyers had considered a so-called "Barder application", named after a

would not succeed and might

legal precedent in which the courts overturned a divorce settlement because the beneficiary had died much younger

The 1987 House of Lords ruling holds that in certain circumstances, and provided that third parties are not adversely affected, the order regarding the divorce settlement can be set aside.

The ruling came about as the result of a case known as Barder v Barder, in which a wife killed her two children and then committed suicide shortly after her divorce settlement. Legal sources have dis-closed that the Princess's payment was on the basis that her life expectancy would be 86. She was 36 when she died.

Had the application suc-ceeded, the Prince of Wales would have reclaimed the bulk of the divorce settlement and reinvested it in a trust fund for his sons. The move is a recognised tax avoidance practice, and there would have been no question of the Prince trying to evade tax. Although full details of the Princess's



The Prince of Wales and his two sons. The two young Princes' share of the divorce settlement will be taxed

will - which was not updated after her divorce settlement -have not been disclosed, it is known that her wish was for the majority of her estate to go to her sons, with the balance in favour of Prince Harry. His elder brother, Prince William. stands to inherit the Duchy of Cornwall, currently providing

ari income of £4.5 million a year, when his father ascends the throne.

When the Princess's father died, he left her a sum estimated at the time at 13 million. She owned no property, living as she did rent-free in a graceand-favour apartment at Ken-

sington Palace. Many of the

stunning jewellery pieces she wore, including Queen Mary's tiara and emeralds, were Royal Family heirlooms, and under the terms of the settlement cannot be sold. She had an engagement ring which cost £28,500 and is now probably worth ten times that much.

given by Arabian sheikhs. It is believed that the Prin-cess willed most of her personal jewels to her children, with the intention that it pass on to

their future wives. ☐ Additional reporting by Philip Webster and Frances

People's palace flats may earn £36,000 a week

PLANS to evict a phalanx of second-division royalty from Kensington Palace and turn the former home of Diana, Princess of Wales into an art gallery and a shrine to her memory could earn millions

The scheme has been floated by Royal Household, officials and leaked to test public reaction. It is still a long way from being ap-Government which yesterday claimed no knowledge of its existence. But it commands attention because, on the surface, it appears to kill

several birds with one stone. First, it would provide a permanent memorial to the have persiste country fromes.

Princess, although whether it the futtine plan for Kenwould incorporate a shrine to singuin Palace is said to her - perhaps in the preser- involve renting out some of which at 10,000 paintings, enamels and miniatures, not to mention half a million prints, photographs and a priceless assemblage of antique furniture, is the largest art collection in private

hands in the world.

the palace's royal residents, who occupy a range of spacious grace and favour apart-ments, the Queen would be seen to be slimming down the appartus of royalty, which many regard as still too cumbersome, even although minor royals are no longer funded by the taxpayer.

Kensington Palace's occupants are Princess Margaret, Gloucester, the Duke's elderly mother, Princess Alice, the Duke and Duchess of Kent and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent. Apart from Princess Margaret, who could be officied a home in St James's Palace, the others

Vestey, a Knight Frank partner, estimated that a good four bedroom apartment within the palace could com-

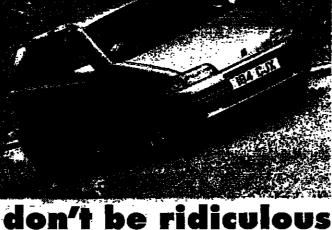
mand at least 53,000 a week. She estimated that the palace was home to approximately a dozen apartments

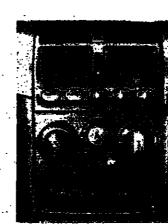


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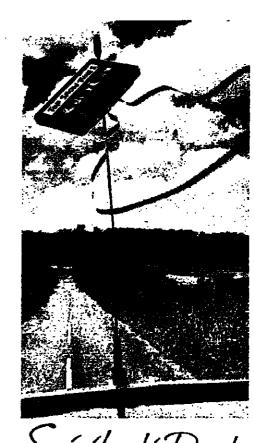
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Court in **Ireland** lets rape girl seek abortion

A PREGNANT 13-year-old Irish girl, the victim of an alleged rape, was effectively given permission to travel to Britain for an abortion during a secret session of the Irish Children's Court.

Her parents, members of Ireland's travelling community, are to appeal against the decision in the High Court and are taking advice from anti-abortion

groups. On Saturday a man in his twenties was charged in Dublin's District Court with having carnal knowledge of a girl under 15.

David Andrews, the Irish Foreign Minister. yesterday described the controversy as an "unacceptable embarrassment". amid political wrangling that could affect Ireland's coalition Government.

The affair has similarities to a case five years ago when a 14-year-old rape victim was allowed to come to Britain for a termination after initially being refused permission to travel under the terms of the Irish constitutional ban on abortion.

That case prompted referendums to amend the constitution and guarantee the rights of women to go abroad for abortions.

The new case has gone to court because the girl is in the care of Irish health officials, who are barred from assisting towards an abortion. It has led to criticism of successive Irish governments for failing to take steps to regularise the

Independent members of the Irish parliament who are opposed to abortion and who support Prime Minister Bertie Ahern's minority Government have warned him against taking action that could make abortion more freely

Prisoners need escapist dreams, says governor

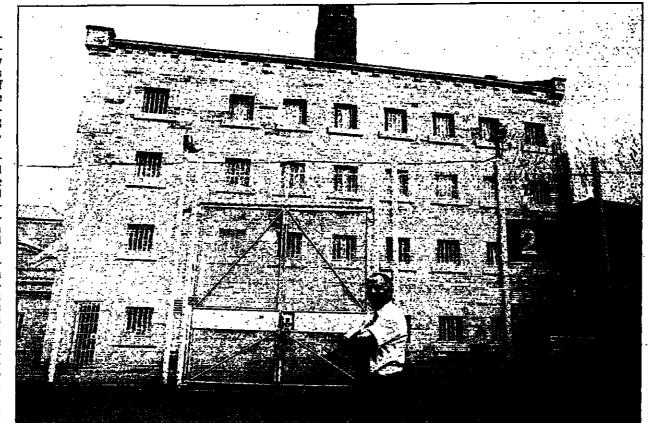
THE man charged with keeping Myra Hindley and Rosemary West under lock and key has insisted that his inmates must keep "some hope of escape". Niall Clifford made his comments after £10 million was spent on improving security at Durham Prison, where he is governor.

"To the best of my knowedge, my staff have identified all potential routes of escape we can imagine." he said yesterday. "But we also recognise that prisoners are imaginative and could have seen a route we have not worked

To deny prisoners that glimmer of hope would create an explosive situation, he insisted. He rejected an American system of escape-proof jails where armed guards patrol electric fences: "If prisoners. as a corporate entity, have the impression it is totally impossible — they are hermitacally sealed into this 'horrible place' - that is when it becomes

dangerous. "If you seal a pressure cooker you get an enormous explosion. The issue is not just about escape it is moving their mind towards other things. We do our best to maintain hope of future rehabilitation."

The jail has not suffered any recent breakouts, although John McVicar escaped its walls in October 1968. Classed as a Core Local Prison, Durham is one of five in the country authorised to hold category A remand inmates. Security has been increased nationwide after recommen-



Niall Clifford at Durham Prison: "If you remove all possibility of escape completely, you also remove hope"

cash to build prisons has forced it to

accept that they will be designed,

constructed, managed and financed by

the private sector on 25-year contracts

totalling £250 million. Under this sys-

tem the Government pays an annual

rent but has no capital or maintenance

Learmont reports sparked by escapes from Parkhurst and Whitemoor. An inner perimeter fence, a central locking system and increased vigilance on visitors are part of tighter security at Durham.

Mr Clifford prompted angry calls from local people when he told the BBC1's regional Look North programme: "If you remove all possibility of escape complete-

> each year for the next ten years as the service struggles to keep pace with a

jail population that is outstripping projections before they are published.

The previous Government had esti-

mated that the jail population would

reach 74,500 by 2005 but latest fore-casts suggest this will be reached in

2002. The figure has risen by 3,400 to

63,500 since the general election. Although Labour is opposed to

if you allow prisoners to feel that there is no hope, you end up with a very unhealthy position in the prison." He emphasised yesterday

that it was important to combat depression among the 940 men and women in his care, almost three dozen of whom. as category A offenders, are among the country's most dangerous. Last week the prison had to cope with the

mand prisoners within four days. Mr Clifford insisted that there was no connection with

the increased security.

West was jailed in 1995 after being convicted of ten murders at the Gloucester house she shared with her husband, Frederick. Myra Hindley and her accomplice, Ian Brady. were sentenced to life imprisonment in 1966 for the killings of Lesley Ann Downey and John Kilbride. A Prison Ser-

capes, but also security procedures, ensuring people are in

"It is not just physical perimeters that prevent es-

vice spokesman said last

night "The Prison Service's

duty is to keep those in custody

that the courts send to us.

However, we would never, ever, suggest that any of our prisons is 100 per cent escape-

sector but the idea is unlikely to be Joyce Quin, the prisons minister,

told MPs that seven jails are to open in the next three years, including the Securicor-run Parc jail near Bridgend which opened last week, Group 4's Altcourse at Fazakerley, Liverpool, costs.

The Prison Service is investigating whether jails could be built by private industry and managed by the public four will open in from 1999 to 2000.

Thirty jails to be built in ten years thattwo or three prisons will be built private jails, the implications of finding

By RICHARD FORD

THE Prison Service is to embark on a building programme that will provide up to 20,000 new places for the rapidly rising prison population.

Thirty sites have been chosen in England and Wales for projects that will increase income for private security firms, which are anxious for a bigger slice of the penal market. The Prison Service's annual report says







The mugging victim and two of the tattoos that could help to jog his memory

Tattooed women may hold key to amnesiac's identity

of a mugging who has lost his memory are hoping that tat-toos on his arms will help to solve his identity (Michael Horsnell writes).

The man, who is in Cardiff Royal Infirmary, has the names of six women tattooed on his arms who could be past girlfriends. The names Maran and Claire are on his left forearm, Lucy on his right forearm, Camille and Jenny on his right upper arm and Yvonne on his right wrist. Speaking from his hospital bed yesterday, he said: "I hope

they won't be upset but I

cannot remember anything about these women. But I hope they will remember me and tell me who I am. They could be my old flames, girlfriends or wives. I'm just praying they will know who I am. I don't know my name, my job or where I'm from."

Doctors say that apart from the amnesia he is otherwise lit and well after stumbling into the city's central police station 12 days ago. The only clues to his identity are that he is 5ft 7ins, in his mid-forties and has a northern accent. The man says his last recollection was being approached sports bag. He was punched on the back of the head and woke up up in the street.

"There's no joy in being a mystery," he said. "I don't even know what I'm doing here in Cardiff. I could have a whole family out there."

Dr Raghu Reddy, senior house officer at the hospital, said: "There is no treatment for him. We will just have to wait. Memory can come back suddenly. We hope these names on his arms could be names on ris arms con-important clues so he can go family for back to his family Christmas."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kate's killer may have been a tramp

The killer of Kate Bushell. 14, may have been a tramp living rough near the murder site. Police have found three areas where a rough camp may have been set up. Kate, right, was am-bushed and had her throat cut as she walked a neigh-

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bour's dog in a field close to her home on the outskirts of Exeter. Police are investigating whether the killer could have had a military training because of the way the weapon was used and his ability to hide. Detective Superintendent Mike Ste-



hens said: "You would have to know the area. We think it is someone who has been in the area on previous occasions." Police are looking at two other murders elsewhere in Britain some years ago which are similar, although the victims were adults.

Meeting on vaccines

Parents of vaccine-damaged children will meet Baroness Hollis of Heigham, the Social Security minister, tomorrow in their first formal meeting with a government minister in In mear first formal meeting with a government minister in 18 years. They are seeking higher compensation and recognition that some children have been damaged by MMR (measles, memps and rubella) or whooping cough vaccines. The Vaccine Damage Act was one of the last pieces of legislation put through under the last Labour Government in 1979.

Swipe for democracy

The 60 members of the proposed Welsh assembly are likely to be the first elected representatives in Britain to vote by electronic swipecard. Members away on overseas business would also be allowed to vote electronically, avoiding their having to be flown home to attend vital meetings. Voting would also be instantaneous. The plans are being studied by the Welsh Office, which says it wants the assembly to be the most modern, high-tech, democratic chamber in the

Hostage freedom talks

were working to secure the release of a British aid worker, Dennis Cassidy, 49, from Merseyside, and four UN workers kidnapped on Friday by gunmen at Elayo. on the Gulf of Aden in northern Somalia. Four tribesmen were killed daring an attempt by a rival cian to free the hostages on Saturday. The North declared independence from the South in 1991. The other hostages are two Kenyans. an Indian and a Canadian.



Rat numbers 'soaring'

The rat population is escalating because water companies officers claim in ITV's World in Action tonight. Britain has an estimated 60 million rats. The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health wants more pest control by water companies and councils. A survey by the Robens Centre for Public and Environmental Health, University of Surrey, found that more than 900,000 homes in England were

Elderly denied worship

Older people in residential care are being denied the chance to worship regularly, according to a report by the charity Counsel and Care for the Elderly. About 1,500 of the 19,000 residental care and nursing homes in Britain were said to offer no opportunities to worship on the premises and few to visit local churches. In others, most of the services do not take place on Sundays and are "extremely infrequent", with ill-prepared clergy, no proper music and little or no staff support.

Night on the tiles

"Smart" floors, containing tiny electric fields that can sense people walking around and monitor their breathing and pulse if they fall, are being tested in a nursing home by the Finnish company Messet, the magazine New Scientist reported. The floor's tiny polypropylene bubbles are said to be more than 30 times more sensitive than other pressuredetection materials, can be laid on concrete and covered with tiles, and will detect someone walking around at night then send out a warning signal.

Call for defence cuts

The strategic defence review, due to be completed by next spring, must produce radical cuts in the number of tank regiments, surface warships and submarines to keep the forces' structure "relevant to the 21st century", says a Fabian Society report by Malcolm Chalmers, a defence analyst from Bradford University. It also suggests upgrading aircraft carriers rather than ordering new ones for an estimated £4.5 billion.





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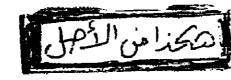
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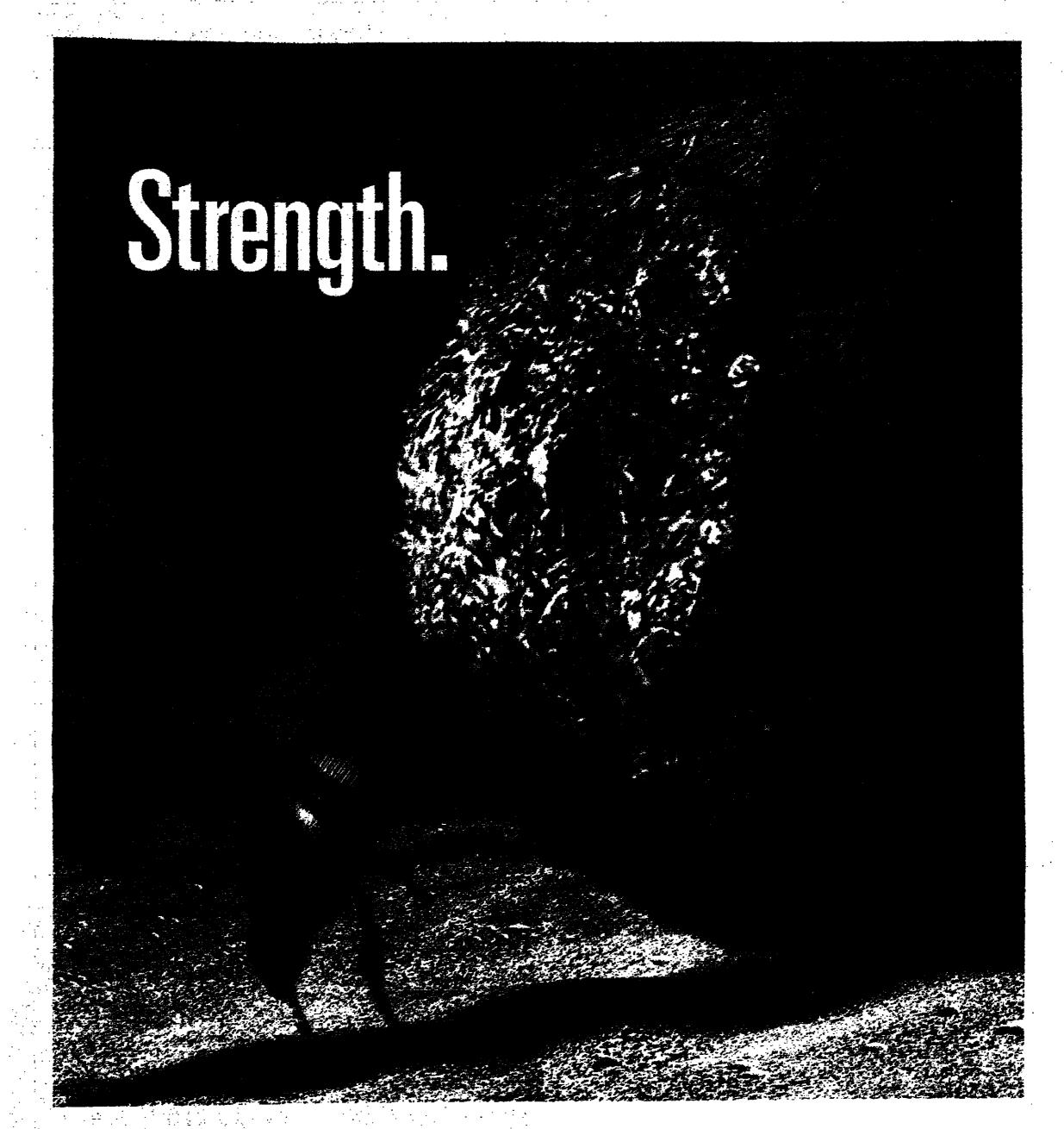
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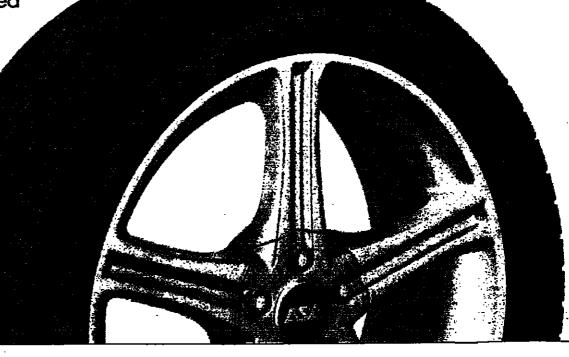
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British ingenuity proves no match for German money

Ten years ago Cliff Ingram designed a three-wheeler. Now Mercedes has had

the same idea. Kevin Eason reports

A BRITISH inventor was astonished when he saw an idea that he conceived ten years ago illustrated in the press and claimed as a

world first by one of Europe's Cliff Ingram designed a trafficbeating three-wheeler for commuters, but failed to find financial backing. His covered-in tricycle was designed to lean through corners to provide a safer, highspeed ride, with the performance

of a car packaged into a two-seater body sitting over an engine like a

motorcycle. He was astounded to see the launch of the Mercedes F300 Life-Jet, a two-seater tricycle which leans through corners for better safety and performance - just like his. Mr Ingram, 47, emphasised yesterday that he was not accusing Mercedes of stealing his plans, but said: "I feel angry that I have poured 5,000 hours of thought and development time into an idea i conceived ten vears ago - while enduring the slog against prejudice shown towards inventors in this country - only to be pipped at the post by

He had shown his idea -- which he calls the Zero Lateral G - to carmakers without success and drew up international patents. He was forced to pull out because he could not afford costs of more than £20,000 and had no funds to



Ingram: was unable to get backing from carmakers

finance development of the tricy-

Even the futuristic shape of the Mercedes version, with a single rear wheel, resembles the scale models that Mr Ingram made several years ago while devising the concept. Mercedes is planning to manufacture the tricycle and says that it could be ready within two years. It will go on sale between £8,000 and £12,000. If the machine goes into showrooms by the turn of the century, the opportunity of a ground-breaking invention will have been lost for the sake of a relatively tiny investment in Mr Ingram's plans. He said: "I couldn't believe what I was seeing. It is possible that it is an accident of fate that

somebody else should come up with a similar idea. I worked on astonished that Mercedes could come up with the same concept." Mr Ingram, who lives in Dorset, says that he is only the latest in a long line of inventors who

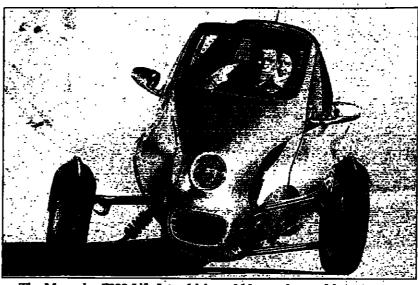
spot a gap in the market but cannot get backing for their revolutionary ideas. Having a good idea is not good enough in this country, because

you need the backing to follow through," he said. "With a positive attitude, this country could have launched this machine as the Ingram ZLG. Now the concept will go on sale as a Manual go on sale as a Mercedes. made in Germany." Building a prototype based on

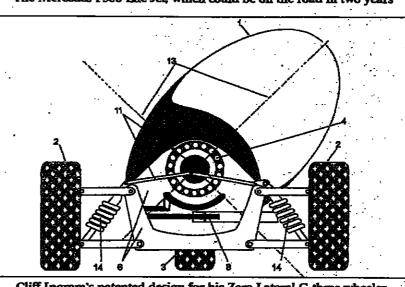
designs produced by Mr Ingram would have cost as little as £40,000 and a small assembly line would have cost less than El million. That comparatively small out-

lay is in contrast to plans by Mercedes to spend .illions of pounds gearing up a factory to manufacture the Life-Jet, which won approval in the motoring press when it was first shown in September at the Frankfurt Motor

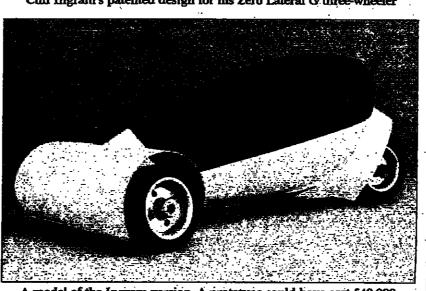
A spokesman for Mercedes said that the Life-Jet's design was devised in the company's studios in Stuttgart. "It is not a new idea but it is one we decided to pursue and we think we have come up with an interesting machine for the future," he said. "We sympathise with Mr Ingram, but his problems are not of our making."



The Mercedes F300 Life-Jet, which could be on the road in two years



Cliff Ingram's patented design for his Zero Lateral G three-wheeler



A model of the Ingram version. A prototype could have cost £40,000

Drivers at more risk from toxic gas than cyclists

By Kevin Eason MOTORING EDITOR

DRIVERS breathe in up to three times more toxic exhaust furnes than pedestrians or cyclists, a survey says.

The report, by the Institute for European Environmental Policy, contradicts conventional thinking. Pedestrians and cyclists, thought to be the unprotected victims of poisonous gases spewed from the tailpipes of cars and lorries, in fact suffer the least exposure.

Drivers have been seen as cocooned from the worst effects of dirty air by modern cars, their windows shut against the elements and heated or cooled by air-condition-ing systems. But cars offer little or no protection from pollution, says the report, because motorists are driving in a "tunnel of pollution".

This is the time of year when exposure is worst, as slow-moving traffic builds up in towns and cities and heater fans draw pollution into the car from outside.

Worst-affected motorists are those who choose to drive in the centre or outside lanes where there is a huge build-up of toxic gases, including car-bon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, soot particulates, benzene and other hydrocarbons. That cocktail is blamed for diseases ranging from increased incidence of asthma to heart attacks and cancers.

Cyclists who stay close to the kerb avoid the worst of the pollution because they are not in the "pollution tunnel".

Malcolm Fergusson, a senior fellow and author of the report, said: "There is an increasing body of evidence that shows that they [drivers] are in fact in the centre of the pollution and suffering the worst effects." Typically, a driver sitting in a traffic jam will breathe in up to three times the level of pollutants as a cyclist or pedestrian and about twice as much as a bus

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The report was drawn up for the Environmental Transport Association, which is to lobby for tighter legislation on exhaust emissions. Andrew Davis, its director, said the findings proved it should be wore protective masks.

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Weather halts salvage THE salvage operation to recover a sunken trawler

believed to contain the bodies of four crew members was abandoned again yesterday after continued bad weather off the Scottish coast.

The crane barge Tak Lift 4 was sent back to the port of Peterhead, but organisers said it would return to the site of the Sapphire later this

week when weather forecasts predict three clear days. Steve Chisholm, technical adviser to the Sapphire Trust, which is organising the recov-ery, said the move was sensible in light of the forecasts. Alex Salmond, the Scottish National Party leader, said: "This is a setback for the

families but we've had them before and overcome them."



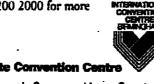
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Authors praise British Library's inside storeys

THE British Library's new build-ing at St Pancras, which the Labour MP Gerald Kaufman has called "as glamorous as a public lavatory*, was given wholehearted support from some of its regular users yesterday. After discovering the spacious interior and wood and leather furnishings within the drab, red-brick, windowless walls, several remarked that a book cannot be judged by its cover.

As the library was preparing to open the humanities section of its L-shaped reading room today, the first of several staggered openings. Lady Antonia Fraser, David Lodge, Hermione Lee and Kathy Lette were among writers given a

Lady Antonia, who visited with her playwright husband, Sir Har-old Pinter, said: "All along, I have been very supportive of this country building a new national library. They have done justice to it, despite incredible difficulties — mainly due to the Treasury.

The moment we walked across the forecourt, we felt the Paolozzi sculpture was a prelude to some-thing very exciting. Having worked in the Round Reading Room for 43 years — which I neither wish to, nor can, forget - we have to look at the library in a supportive manner and see how it can become part of our national scholarship. I find it

Mr Lodge described it as "a very impressive interior" and the actress Maureen Lipman said that "everywhere you look is graceful". Andrew Morton, author of Diana: Her True Story, hailed it as "a library for the new millennium" and the writer Ms Lee called it "a

great library".
Others have been less than

Regular users tell

Dalya Alberge that the much-criticised

St Pancras building

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enthusiastic. The Regular Readers pressure group, whose 600 mem-bers campaigned against the move to St Pancras, is maintaining its fight to keep 60,000 rare books being moved from the King's Library at Bloomsbury. Brian Lake, the group's secretary, said that the listed building was built for George III's collection, donated by his son, George IV. "Move-ables" and "fixtures" are part of listed buildings, he said, drawing on the argument used by those who tried to keep Canova's Three Graces in the temple for which they

were designed at Woburn Abbey.

The rare books, including a 1669 Book of Common Prayer, a 1607 copy of Ben Jonson's Volpone and a 1476 Caxton printing of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, are destined for a massive tower of shelving viewed through frosted glass. Mr Lake said: "We tried to persuade Camden council that they need to look at this more carefully. They said it was not a matter for them, which is strange, as they are responsible for listed buildings. The Georgian Group are also against the moving of the books. We feel there is a legal case to be made here."

A library spokesman said that

the collection was donated in 1823 on condition that it remained intact on public display. "They then built the King's Library to house it in that year and finished it in 1827. We got the gift before the King's Library was built," he said. "It will

remain on public display."

Even after the British Library received £511 million from the public purse for the new building, delays continue. The main public facilities truck as the schilibition. facilities, such as the exhibition galleries and bookshop, will not open to the public until April 21. Contents are being moved in stages: manuscripts, for example, will be moved in March and scientific books in the summer of

The operation of moving 12 million books is well under way. But there are still another nine million books to go. By the time the library is fully operational, storage space will be full. But John Ashworth. chairman of the British Library Board, said that no building could be large enough to cope with 8,000 items a day, even with four levels of storage below ground, descending to 110ft. There is not enough space. Most libraries are full when they are built."

When the library was fully working, he said, books on site would be delivered within 30 minutes, in contrast to waits in the previous building of up to two hours. Earlier this month, he watched as a sophisticated conveyer belt system transported books for the first time along a series of rollers and up a shaft to the relevant floor. After an experiment with lumps of concrete, it worked with the real thing. "It's like a Wallace and Gromit railway," Dr



Light reading. Kathy Lette and David Lodge at yesterday's preview of the humanities section

Professor urges halt to painting restoration

By Dalya Alberge

THE Professor of the History of Art at Oxford University has called for a debate on the restoration of works of art after the National Gallery cleaned and retouched a Holbein masterpiece that he believes did not require treatment.

Its condition did not cry out for restoration, Martin Kemp said. "If I had been in charge of the Holbein, I would have taken a

decision not to clean it."

He believes that discoloured varnish and some paint loss on The Ambassadors, the enormous 1533 double-portrait of two diplomats to the Court of Henry VIII, did not justify a cleanse so deep and thorough that it lasted three years. Although details such as the drapery were clearer now, they had not previously been obscured.

Professor Kemp called for galleries across the country to have stiffer tests of whether a work of art was really crying out for intervention. Arguing that returning a picture to how the artist saw it was a "subjective business", he asked: Why are we happy to leave arms off sculptures when we are not happy to have holes in paintings?"

Professor Kemp, curator of the Leonardo exhibition at the Hayward Gallery, London, in 1989, called for the National Gallery and other institutions to curb their conservation programmes, even though cleaned pictures stood out from those left untouched, such as the National's Claude landscapes. They are not remarkably filthy. but have yellow varnish," he said. Emphasising that the National

had not "done a bad job or seriously damaged the Holbein". he added: "My criteria for cleaning or restoring is if the structural integrity of the work is threatened and if it is grossly disfigured ... I would generally not take that to mean dirty varnish or some paint

Film takes liberties with Schubert

By DALYA ALBERGE

A FILM director is expecting to offend Schubert fans with a Channel 4 drama that suggests bisexuality and visits to prostitutes, although there is no real evidence for this. It also shows him dying in a dilapidated hospital with an eruption of sores on his face. He really died in his brother's apartment, tended by royal doctors, and there is a contemporary description of how healthy his face looked.

Peter Webber, a documentary director making his drama debut, acknowledged that he had used poetic licence: "We tried to make something that is entertainment — sex, drugs and period instruments." The 50-minute Double Life

of Franz Schubert, to be screened next month, stars Simon Russell Beale as the rotund gentus, who was struck down by syphilis and typhoid and died aged 31 in 1828. Elizabeth Norman Mc-Kay, author of an acclaimed Schubert biography published last year, said: "There is a strong possibility that he was



mposition by Schubert left, written when he was just 13, has been discovered among a private collection of the composer's works. The four pages, heavily annotated with deletions, revisions and corrections, are a draft for the opening of a fantasie for piano duet consisting of the first movement and part of the second. The manuscript,

COMPOSER'S EARLIEST MANUSCRIPT FOUND

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already hailed him as a genius. The owners of the private collection where the work has been kept since the beginning of the century knew it was by Schubert, but did not know what the piece was, or its significance. Five other fragments from the work have been identified, although one has since been lost. The which is unknown and unrecorded, will be sold at an auction at Sotheby's sold by Sotheby's in 1988.

bisexual, but at the moment there is absolutely no proof." Nor is there any evidence, she said, that Schubert and his friend, Franz von Schober, went to prostitutes, beyond his contracting syphilis, and that going to prostitutes was "the normal thing in Vienna".

Schober, she said, was known to have released Schubert from his strict lower middleclass upbringing, but that did not mean there was anything sexual between them.

She took particular exception to the film's portrayal of loving people around him," she said. "He died in his brother Ferdinand's apartment and had the Emperor's own doctors tending him. A violinist came to the house and played Beethoven's late quartet to him - the only one that Schubert hadn't heard. After

on December 6 for an

The manuscript dates

from a period when

Schubert's teacher,

Antonio Salieri, had

estimated £50,000.

that, he collapsed and died a few days later." Another Schubert scholar

Brian Newbould, Professor of Music at Hull University, said of the hospital scene: "I don't see the point of that. Perhaps if I-saw it, I'd see a point." Nicholas Kent, the produc-

er, described the drama as a piece of fiction inspired by Schubert and sourced in the events of his life, It was, he suggested, the fact that his life was so poorly documented that allowed film-makers a certain freedom: "If people have a romantic image of Schubert as a roly-poly composer who ate lots of creamcakes, enjoyed coffee and wrote music as the muse took him, they will be shocked. There was a darker side, which maybe they are not

Schober, a poet, painter and actor, exerted a lasting influence over Schubert: "He liberated Schubert. Our interpretation is that he did so sexually. The film doesn't say it was a homosexual relationship. What's implied is that it was a sensual relationship."

Indians ask for help to save hero's tomb

By A CORRESPONDENT

INDIAN diplomats have asked the Government to end a long-running dispute over the crumbling tomb of a revered Hindu hero. The 160year-old mausoleum, in Bristol, is said to be in danger of collapsing.
Indian officials have been

locked out of the cemetery for the past three years on the anniversary of Kaja Rammohun Roy's death because of a row over who should pay £25,000 for repairs. Now the Indian High Commissioner has urged Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, to intervene.

Roy, a leading campaigner for Indian women's rights, died in Bristol in 1833 during a lecture tour. He is venerated as a reformer who founded India's democratic movement and campaigned against the practice of suttee, whereby widows threw themselves onto the funeral pyres of their



The new statue in Bristol of Raja Rammohun Roy

husbands. Public subscription paid for the 30ft-high mausoleum in the Arnos Vale cemetery in Bristol, which Indian diplomats traditionally visit on September 27, the anniversary of his death.

But since 1994 the cemeterv's owners have closed it on

and fears over its safety. This year a delegation did gain entry, but only after the commission agreed to pay the site owners for extra security staff. Speaking in Bristol, where he unveiled a new statue of Roy in the shadow of Bristol Cathedral, Dr Laxmi Mal sioner, said he hoped it was not too late to save the mausoleum. "I have offered to pay for the repair of it." But Tony Towner, chairman of Arnos Village, which

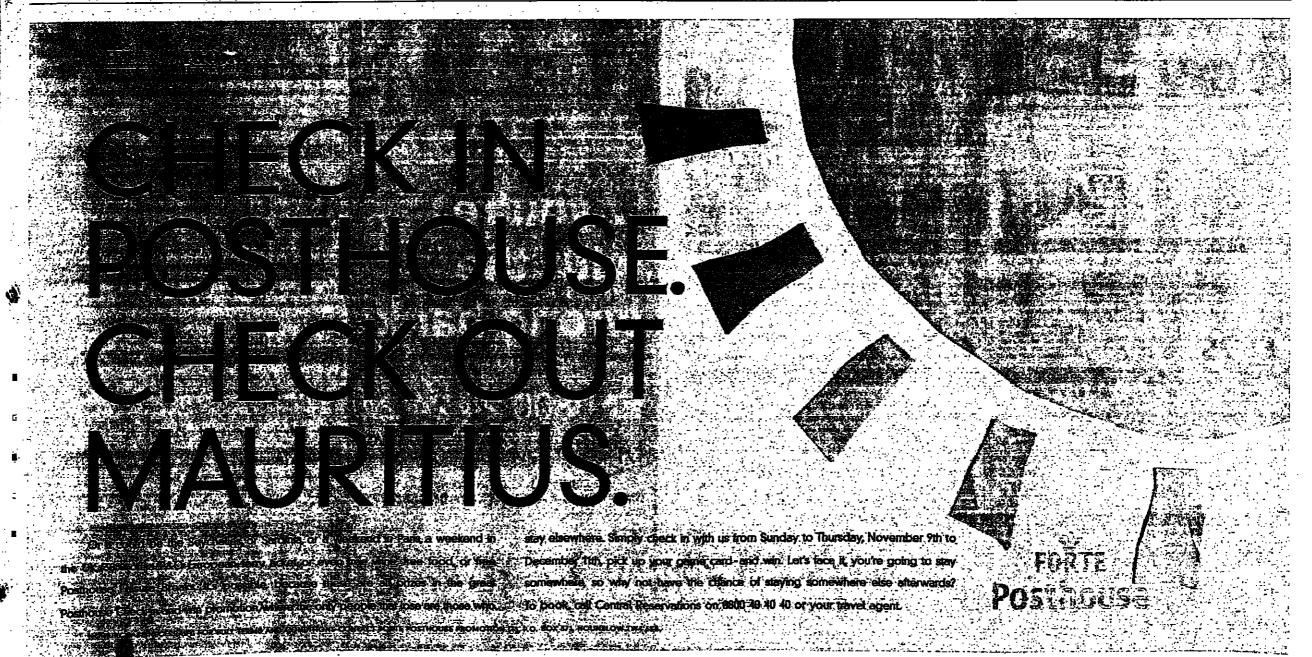
that date after a dispute with

the Indian High Commission

over a £25,000 repair bill for

the Grade II listed monument,

owns the cemetery, said that promises over the years by the commission and the Indian community for money to preserve the mausoleum had never been fulfilled. Mr Towner said his staff had locked the diplomats out on the anniversary because they had refused to keep a safe distance from the mausoleum.



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An American in the torture chamber

George Mitchell had intended to quit

politics and start having fun, but instead is trying to solve the Troubles

in Ulster. Martin Fletcher reports

GEORGE MITCHELL, the former US Senate leader who chairs are Stormont peace talks, was being interviewed by The Times in the lounge of Belfast's Europa Hotel one night last week when the piano player arrived. "Back for more torture?", the musician called cheerily to the 64-year-old American. Mr Mitchell laughed. He received lots of encouragement from ordinary Ulstermen, he said, but the one question they all asked was why on earth he

was doing it.
Why indeed? Mr Mitchell has spent almost three years working to keep Northern Ireland's peace train on track despite constant threats of derailment and carriages full of warring passengers weighed down with historical baggage and inclined to yank the communication cord at every opportunity.

This is not his country. He accepts no pay. He spends half his life in aircraft, albeit in first-class compartments, and is separated for days on end from a new wife 25 years his junior and their month-old son. Home from home is a dull little suite at the oftbombed Europa. Belfast in winter is the sort of place even raffle winners might reject.

Mr Mitchell did have Irish grandparents - his name would have been George Kilrov had his father not been adopted - but he never knew them, has been unable to trace his roots, and had paid just one two-day visit to Ireland

The truth is that he had no

ly involved. When he left the Senate in 1994 and married Heather MacLachlan, a Canadian sports promoter, "i told her I was retiring from politics and I meant it." When President Clinton asked him spend six months organising a trade and investment conference in Washington to bolster the previous IRA ceasefire: "I thought it would

ence and that would be it." The six months stretched to a year to cover Mr Clinton's visit in late 1995. Then London and Dublin asked him to tackle the issue of paramilidecommissioning, on which the entire process was foundering. Prime Ministers and Taoiseachs changed. Before he knew it he was chairman of the talks - fixer, facilitator and arbitrator-inchief. "I became progressively more involved in a way I

If Mr Mitchell minds, he does not show it. He is resolutely upbeat, despite constant jetlag. He insists he is grateful for the opportunity to play a small role in what could be an historic event". But the sacrifices are considerable.

didn't seek or foresee," he

At an age when most men contemplate retirement, he endures the most punishing schedule as he juggles the demands of the talks, his family in Manhattan, law firms in Washington DC and



rectorships of Walt Disney, Xerox and Federal Express. For relaxation he reads. He has just finished a Stalin biography, is starting a history of the Arab peoples, and has devoured two dozen books

relevant to the talks. He recently published his own tome on the battle between democracy and communism called "It's very difficult. I don't lifestyle. "The hardest part is the separation from my family. But I have always worked hard, and if you're really committed to something you can get through it."

That commitment is still more remarkable considering that, after leaving the Senate, he could feasibly have become a Supreme Court judge, Secretary of State, or - best of all for a lifelong Boston Red Sox

year baseball commissioner. Baseball's loss is Ulster's gain. Under Mr Mitchell's dogged stewardship the peace process has advanced further than most dared hope. Unionists and republicans are at the

same table for the first time. A mild-mannered, self-effacing man who was once a judge, he injects calm and reason into a cauldron of recrimination and distrust. To

bought some proverbial American can-do spirit.

The peace process is now entering its endgame, and much depends on Mr Mitchell's ability to tease out the common ground between partitionists and nationalists. These are "certainly the most difficult negotiations I have ever been involved in", he says. He refuses to predict the outcome, and likens the talks

ple's longing for peace.

If this peripatetic American

series, but believes the "transcendent factor" is the peo-

can help to resolve Europe's most intractable conflict, it would be the crowning achievement of a life of public service. But would he have accepted the job had he known what it entailed? "As with almost all things in life," he said, "hindsight is a great



George Mitchell: "I thought it would involve a couple of trips over here and that would be it." Before he knew it, he was talks chairman

Sinn Fein leaders to be offered state protection

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BY MARTIN FLETCHER

GERRY ADAMS and Martin Mc-Guinness are expected to be offered the same protection, including bodyguards and armour-plated cars, as that given to Northern Ireland's MPs, judges and senior civil servants. The Northern Ireland Office will tell Sinn Fein that it is eligible for the Key Persons Protection Scheme after its admittance to the Stormont peace talks and acceptance of the Mitchell principles, according to the Irish

The office would not confirm the

Which is the right PC

last week by agreeing to fund security measures for the West Belfast home of Alex Maskey, a Sinn Fein councillor who has survived several loyalist attacks. Mr Maskey called it a "significant breakthrough".

The taxpayer-financed scheme

terrorist attacks would undermine Northern Ireland's "democratic framework", the "effective administration of government" or the "maintenance of law and order".

Mr Adams and Mr McGuinness are heavily protected by Sinn Fein, and would almost certainly reject report, but conceded the principle protects those whose deaths from RUC bodygoards, but might well

accept enhanced security for their homes and offices, provided it was not installed by the RUC. Participants in the Stormont

talks have meanwhile detected the first real grounds for hope. They were encouraged by last week's Irish officials that he is serious surprisingly positive meeting in about achieving a settlement. London between David Trimble.

the Ulster Unionist Party leader. and Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister. Ireland has signalled that it is prepared to negotiate on its long-standing territorial claim to Northern Ireland, and Mr Trimble has convinced senior British and

NEWS IN BRIEF

The young call for a Minister for Youth

Young people want a Minister for Youth and national forums to consult them on government decisions, says a three-year study by the Industrial Society, which canvassed more than 10,000 Britons aged 12 to 25. It calls for more youth centres and out-ofschool learning opportunities, smaller class sizes, flexible curriculums and quality work experience. The majority think that marriage is the best way of life, and that it should be harder to divorce if there are children involved.

Long-odds win

Diane Mitchell, 47, of Beckenham, Kent, who lost £20,000 of uninsured jewellery in a burglary, was reunited with the gems after spotting them at a police display of stolen goods at Epsom Racecourse.

Dial a bully

A campaign to expose bullying at work is to be launched next month by the TUC. A telephone botline (0800 882123) will run for five days from December 1 to highlight the plight of workers who suffer from bad managers.

Survival of fittest

Ali Royal Navy staff under 50 will have to undergo annual fitness tests from early 1999. Those who fail minimum weight and fitness standards face a compulsory remedial programme and will be sacked if they fail a retest.

Fancy-dress row

Three students who wore Ku Klux Klan garb to a fancydress party at the Bradford and Ilkley Community College face suspension. Black and Asian students have complained about their "deeply offensive" behaviour.

In the drink

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THE TIMES MONDAY NOVEMBER 24 1997 Whitehall reveals it is

sitting on a fortune Valerie Elliott previews a new Domesday Book of state property

A ROYAL throne in the Cabinet Office is among an array of antique treasures that will be listed today in the Government's new version of the Domesday Book. The gilt chair used by George II is one of thousands of items declared by government departments ordered by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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The 550 page National Asset Register ranges from art to equipment, land and buildings. It was pledged by Gor-don Brown during the election, to be used by ministers to identify new areas for

rationalisation and sell-offs. The total value of Government assets is expected to be more than £300 billion, although many have still to be valued. Senior officials are also examining ways to allow the public greater access to some of the treasures which are hidden away. There are about 1,000 works in the government art collection.

The Charles Clay clock, valued up to £80,000, and an ornate leg on the board table, value unknown

ties on the register, the Department of Trade and Indus-try has admitted owning 1,000 answerphones and 69 paper shredders. The Inland Revenue owns a car park used by Ipswich Town Football Club. The Ministry of Defence has 21,000 cars and vans, out of

Wood, one of London's most prestigious addresses. The Department of the Environments Transport and the Regions owns Burlington House in Piccadilly, home to the Royal Academy, while the Department of Culture, Media and Sport owns Trafalgar Square, Marble Arch, Apsley House: the Wellington Arch, and St At the Cabinet Office, the

throne with fine gilt carving of the Royal Croher of George II, with cherubs, stands on a dais in the first-floor conference room. In the 18th century, this was the Treasury boardroom, and the throne of Chair of State was used by the Sovereign when he attended a meeting of the board. King George III was the last monarch to do this. The throne is one of the precious items listed

without a value in the register. The same room also boasts the former Treasury board table, with legs carved in the



Seats of power. George II's Chair of State among the other chairs in the Cabinet Office conference room

£60,000 to £80,000. Made of

ebony and secured on a plinth.

The top is covered with leather and stamped with an elaborate design incorporating the rose, thistle and shamrock. The value is noted as "unknown, but considerable". A bill from 1739 records a

charge of 10/6 by Robert Sapp.

making seven waistcoat draws with seven strong mortise locks with brass escutcheons and keys different".

The room, decorated in sage-coloured damask, also houses eight original Treasury

the table in the boardroom

lower" and five guineas "for

board chairs, each valued at £30,000. Another rare find in it stands over 6ft tall and features two dials, one showthe Cabinet Office is a clock ing the months and weeks and pointed in 1721 to maintain The Cabinet Office also lists official clocks by the former Board of Works. It is valued at 750 books in the Prime Minis-

ter's library — mainly present-

ed by ministers on taking

Vaccine recipe is eggs and bananas

Among the less artistic oddi-

By Michael Hornsby

BOILED eggs could soon offer a pain-free vaccina-tion against common illnesses such as flu, mumps and measles, according to American researchers.

The "smart" egg is the latest development in edible vaccines, aimed at revolutionising disease prevention, particularly in the Third World, where mass immunisation is costly and difficult.

Egg Innovations, of Port Washington, Wiscensin, hopes to have eggs with antibodies available within 18 months: Theorechmique involves wintering hens with antigens, the block the spread of infection. Their eggs could be the first edible vaccines that can be cooked or processed.

Other scientists, how-ever, are sceptical about how long the passive immunisation achieved by transferring antibodies would last; and question whether the antibodies could survive cooking. Biotechnologists at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, at Cor-nell University in New York State, are genetically engineering bananas to deliver a mixture of vac-

cines instead. Bananas are the ideal choice, according to Charles Arntzen, president of the institute, because they are plentiful, cheap, tasty and eaten raw. In purée form, they can be fed easily to babies.

BBC may behave badly for Christmas

By RAYMOND SNODDY

ALMOST a month before Christmas, the BBC has yet to

and Men Behaving Badly.
The festive special of the politically incorrect Men Behaving Badly, which stars Martin Clunes and Neil Morrissey, is being tipped as the season's big andience thought appropriate for Christmas Day compared with The Vicar of Dibley,

a huge gap in its listings because of the non-appearance this year of Only Fools the comedy produced record audiences that peaked at 24.35 million. Peter Salmon, the new BBC1 controller, is hoping he can maintain the corporation's traditional Christmas dominance with comedy specials of many of its other hit shows, including

BBC2 highlights will include a film version of Madam Butterfly, the new Royal Opera House produc-

total government vehicle stock

The Scottish Office has 100,000 hectares in the Highlands and 1,300 crofts. The

Foreign Office has 1,400 prop-

erties abroad, mainly for staff

accommodation. The MoD

decide on its comedy special for the big day. The choice is between *The Vicar of Dibley*

winner, but it may not be

starring Dawn French.
The BBC has been left with One Foot in the Grave, Mrs

There will also be television premieres of the films Forrest Gump, The Flint-stones and The Musk, and an adaptation of Wilkie Collins's The Woman in White, starring Tara Fitzgerald and

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tion of The Merry Widow and a season of films by the late James Stewart, including Mr Smith Goes to Washing ton and The Philadelphia Story.

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Officials struggle to save tourism

Cairo: Businessmen and officials met here yesterhelping Egyptian tourism to recover from the recent killing of 58 foreign visitors by Muslim militants.

The attack was the deadliest in a five-year campaign aimed at toppling the country's secular Government. The total death toll was 68, including four Egyptians and

The effect on tourism, which annually earns nearly £1.8 billion, was devastating. Many hotels and restaurants in Luxor have begun laying off

employees. One travel agent reported that Nile River cruises in the area had been cancelled for lack of custom. Mahmoud Salem, of Egypt's Tourism Federation, said yesterday's meeting would make recommendations to the Gov-

Britain protecting Egyptian militants'

Egypt attacked Britain yester-day for giving shelter to fugi-tive Islamic entremists and thus encouraging attacks such as the Luxor massacre last week in which 58 tourists died,

six of them British. "If you do not want your sons to be killed, why do you protect killers? he asked angrily when opening a museum in the winter resort of

There are people, who car-ried out crimes and who were sentenced [in Egypt], who live on British land and in other states such as Afghanistan," added the President, who narrowly survived an ambush by Islamic militants in Ethiopia in 1995 and who is accused by the fundamentalists of head-

ing an "apostate regime". His comments came after similar accusations were made in private to the British Embassy in Cairo by an Egyptian Government that

sums of cash are routed through London to the main rebel group, al-Gaman al-Islamiya (The Islamic Group), which claimed responsibility for the Luxor killings.

Similar accusations of Britain being used as a centre by exiled militants to mastermind terrorist operations in the Middle East have been made by the right-using Gov-ernment of Israel, which alleges that London is a centre for money-laundering for groups such as Hamas and

Islamic Jihad. In addition to money, often sent in the form of donations supposedly raised for the families of prisoners, exiled militants have been accused of using Britain as a base from which to send instructions via the internet to terror cells in the Middle East.

Days before Mr Mubarak's accusation, evidence of large sums of money being sent from Britain to Muslim extremists encouraged Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, to

pledge an urgent review of exposed by the Luxor massaanti-terrorist legislation. British government sources said had been made, but claimed yesterday that it would deal that without the help of exiled with the twin issues of political militants, such as those allegasylum and fundraising: edly living in Britain, such attacks would not happen. There is a very serious problem of people from abroad particularly from the

British sources said that one problem facing the Govern-ment was dealing with indi-viduals who would face the Middle East, seeking to use this country as a base, on the whole not for organising terdeath penalty if returned to rorism abroad, but for financtheir country of origin. More ing it or for seeking support for it," Mr Straw said. than 90 militant have been sentenced to death in Egypt Followers of Sheikh Omar since 1992, many by military Bakri Mohammed, a Londoncourts from which there is no based opponent of the Muharak regime, are alleged right of appeal. About 50 of to have contributed £2.5 mil-

those have been executed. A slip of paper found on the body of one of the six attackers who murdered 58 tourists and four Egyptians at Luxor's Temple of Queen Hatshepsut read: "We are at your service, Mustafa Hamza." This referred to the military leader of al-Gamaa who is believed by some to have ordered the



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lion for the families of 30,000

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where Muslim extremists

have been fighting since 1992 to overthrow Mr Mubarak.

Earlier this year the sheikh

helped to organise a show trial

of the Egyptian leader in Trafalgar Square, after which

he was "sentenced to death". Yesterday Mr Mubarak, who dismissed his Interior

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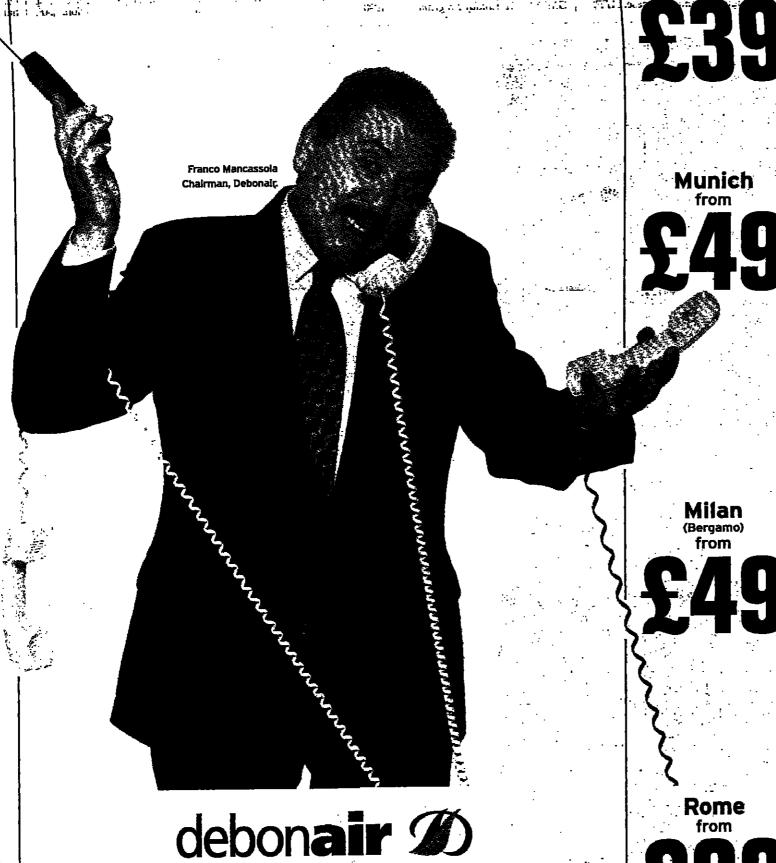
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The Foreign Office said that the Government unreservedly condemned terrorism and took the threat from Muslim radicals very seriously. "We are strongly committed to taking action against anyone who uses the UK as a base for terrorist activities," an official said adding that Britain's record was good compared to other countries'.

However, the Government is urgently seeking ways to Islamic exiles and asylumseekers from using Britain to promote action against friendly governments. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, is to begin consultations in January on two specific new laws bringing in a ban on fundraising in Britain for terrorist groups and making it an offence to conspire to plot

terrorism overseas. Mr Straw said in a radio interview last week that he would not propose the ban on incitement to terrorism demanded by many foreign goverriments. This was because it would clash with the right to free speech and there were

problems of defithat such a law could have been used to stop anyone advocating freedom for Nelson Mandela The Government is also looking at a pro-

scribe terrorist organisations. This clear break with past policy would outlaw the Kurdish Workers' Party, the PKK, for example, which is already banned in Germany and several other European countries but not in Britain. Turkey has often called for such legislation, but until now officials have said a blanket ban would only drive extremists underground.

In the past two years Britain rassed by the large number of Islamic extremists coming bere. Many governments. including those of Egypt, Algeria, Turnsia, Turkey, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, have denounced their presence in Britain and called for tighter laws. Unlike almost all other European countries, Britain does not forbid foreign exiles from engaging in politics pro-vided they do not break British law. At present, moreover, the law does not specifically outlaw masterminding terror

al-Masari: case shows

The Government is seeking ways

to tighten the law, Michael Binyon writes

ist activities overseas. Conservative ministers tried last year to introduce a law similar to Mr Straw's proposal. That was defeated in the Commons because it also made incitement an offence and many labour MPs thought this damaged free speech.

There are at least 15 extremist groups in Britain seeking to overthrow established governments in the Muslim world. They also oppose the Middle East peace process, denounce current rulers and want all secular governments overthrown and Islamic states established. In September last year they proposed a huge rally in London to which many overseas militant Islamists were invited.

The Egyptian Government summoned the British chargé

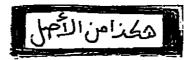
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It gave a warnthat anyone who incited racial hatred or called for assassinations would be prosecuted. In nthe event, the rally was cancelled because organisers could not find insurance

John Major promised two years ago that the Govern-ment would crack down on Islamic radical exiles in Britain, many of whom seek support from British Muslims. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, promised Arab am-bassadors in London last week that the Government would continue to take a tough line.

France has criticised Britain for allowing Algerian Islamist leaders and suspected terrorists to come here. Britain promised that the Special Branch and MIS would step up their observations and monitoring of terrorist sup-porters and those helping the Armed Islamic Group. Last year police arrested several Algerians wanted in connection with the bombings of the

Paris Metro. The Conservative Government introduced a new instrument in the United Nations last year making the support of terrorism or past terrorist connections a valid reason not to accept asylum-seekers and there has been a clear new caution among well known dissident exiles, including Muhammad al-Masari, the Saudi physicist who has led a campaign against the Saudi Royal Family. He has extraordinary permission to remain here. But his case highlighted the Government's dilemma about what to do with figures wanted in their own country but who commit no offence



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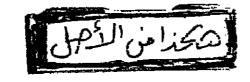
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FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK A NEW confrontation with Iraq





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Lieberman: an abrasive Russian-born aide who



An Israeli soldier stands guard atop a mosque in the Muslim quarter of east Jerusalem yesterday as Binyamin Netanyahu made a defiant visit to where Gabriel Hirschberg, a religious student, was shot. The Prime Minister promised more east Jerusalem settlements in response to the killing

Netanyahu isolated as aide quits

THE closest adviser to Binyamin Netanyahu resigned yesterday, further isolating the embattled Israeli Prime Minister.

Avigdor Lieberman, directorgeneral of Mr Netanyahu's private office since he came to power in June 1996, was the first casualty inside the ruling Likud Party of a revolt that erupted last week while the Prime Minister was visiting Britain and America. Some middle-ranking members of the party plotted to replace Mr Netanyahu, but their plot failed.

The Russian-born Mr Lieberman, whose abrasive style earned him many enemies, bore the brunt of criticism from ministers and

Prime Minister's adviser is first victim of party revolt, says Christopher Walker

disgruntled Likud politicians over a decision by the party's pro-Netanyahu central committee to abolish primary elections to select candidates for the Knesset. He was widely seen as the moving force behind the controversial change that provoked a party mutiny over. the perceived attempt by Mr Netanyahu to sieze more power and to ensure that he would be nominated if new elections are forced before 2000, the scheduled date. "[Lieberman] was tired of being

many years."
Political commenators said the resignation would increase Mr Netanyahu's political isolation at a

everybody's punching bag, said David Appel, a Likud activist close to the Prime Minister's former

chief of staff. A statement issued on

behalf of Mr Netanyahu, who has

recently surivived a number of

political storms, said: "On a per-

sonal level I feel great sorrow over

the departure of a true and loyal

friend who stood at my side for

time when his style of government and his attitude to the peace process is coming under heavy fire at home and abroad.

Israei Radio reported yesterday that Ehud Barak, the Labour Opposition leader, had acheived an unprecedented 10 per cent lead over Mr Netanyahu in the latest opinion poll, but that Mr Netanyahu retained a commanding lead inside his own party, having more than double the support of Yitzhak Mordechai, the Defence Minister, who is his nearest Likud rival for

leadership.
The public uproar over abolishing the Likud primary elections forced Mr Netanyahu into an

embarrassing about-face last Thursday, when he announced that he would instead submit the issue to a referendum of Likud's 200,000 members. That move is in its turn being challenged by party members who supported the

The three middle-ranking Likud members named as last week's plotters are Ehud Olmert, Mayor of Jerusalem, Dan Meridor, a former Finance Minister, and Benny Begin, a former Science Minister. A fourth potential rebel, Limor Livnat, the Communications Minister, yesterday, denied press claims that she was resigning to blow came as Israeli papers reported unprecedented antagonism to him inside the Clinton Administration. Haaretz, the Tel Aviv daily, quoted aides of President Clinton as claiming that he had "lost all faith" in the Israeli leader because of his hard line over the peace

Mr Netanyahu's latest political

The aides were quoted by the paper as outlining Mr Clinton's frustration that the Israeli Prime Minister's stance on the twin issues of Jewish settlement building and further Israeli military withdrawals in the West Bank had hampered American efforts to build a new coalition against Iraq.

Mr Cook said there was no

question of sanctions being lifted,

despite Russia's pledge. Moscow was partly motivated by the "very

large debt owed to them by Iraq",

was feared yesterday after Russia failed to win United Nations sup-port for the concessions it had promised Baghdad to defuse last week's armed stand-off. President Clinton rebuffed an appeal by President Yeltsin for the relaxation of UN sanctions and the rapid conclusion of UN weapons inspections. "I understand President Yeltsin's position and I thank him for the work they did to end the crisis, at least temporarily," Mr Clinton said. "We hope it's ended permanently, but we're not sure." Their 40-minute telephone con-

versation on Saturday came after an unsuccessful attempt by Russia to restructure the UN Special Commission (Unscom) set up after the Gulf War to rid Iraq of weapons of mass destruction. At an emergency meeting of Unscom's advisory council on Friday, Russia had proposed closing the UN investigation into Iraq's banned nuclear and ballistic missile programmes as well as promising an early end to the chemical armaments inquiry.

Russia's representative also called for new non-American officials to work alongside Unscom's American deputy chairman and for more non-Americans to serve on inspection missions. Meeting until past midnight, Unscom commis-sioners rejected almost all the Russian plans.

An eight-page report presented to the Security Council on Saturday in effect endorsed the British and American view that Iraq had a long way to go to comply with the disarmament effort, on which sancdisarmament enort, on which sanc-tions lifting depends. In a clear challenge to Iraq, it proposed adding fixed-wing aircraft and night-time surveillance flights to the UN's helicopter fleet and its American-owned U2 spy plane.

Weapons inspectors resumed visiting sites where they maintain video cameras, air samplers and other monitoring equipment. New teams will arrive soon to restart spot inspections.

In another sign of a possible new confrontation, William Cohen, US Defence Secretary, yesterday demanded unfettered access to President Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces. ...

Lebanese shells kill nine

Marjayoun, 'Lebanese Lebanese guerrillas shelled a village near the Israeli border yesterday, killing at least nine Lebanese — including a five-year-old girl — and wounding several others, six of them seriously, security officials said.

About 25 shells landed in Beit Lif, a Shia Muslim village in Israeli-occupied south Lebanon. After the attack, for which no group claimed responsibility, an ex- Bouton, facing the occupied at change of shellfire between the There were no casualties. (AP)

Israeli forces and Lebanese guerrillas operating in plantations south of the port city of Tyre wounded some Lebanese civilians.

The security officials said Israeli artillery shelled suspected guerrilla hideouts near the market town of Nabatiyeh and Israeli jets fired three missiles at suspected guerrilla infiltration trails near the villages of Ziboine and Jebal al-Boutom, facing the occupied zone.

Three held over 'magic' money

Abu Dhabi: Police in the United Arab Emirates have arrested three Africans for embezzling money by claiming to be able to multiply eash by magic, Al-Bayan newspaper reported.
The three were held after receiv

ing large sums from victims. Police in nearby Dubai report a surge in such crimes, mostly by Nigerians and Sudanese. (AFP)

Sanctions must stay, says Cook

ioin the malcontents.

worried that Iraq is still producing weapons of mass destruction and will not support the lifting of economic sanctions, Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said

yesterday. Reports from Iraq showed that Saddam Hussein is still producing enough anthrax to fill two missiles every week", he told GMTV's The Sunday Program.

Iraq ordered the expulsion of all American weapons inspectors on October 29 after United Nations monitors issued a report saying that Iraq was hiding weapons. Baghdad accepted the return of the American inspectors this week in a Moscow-brokered deal in which Russia pledged to work toward relaxing UN sanctions imposed after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in

he explained. They can't get that repaid until sanctions have been lifted. Sanctions can only be lifted when Saddam Hussein complies with the UN resolutions, in particular when he stops trying to develop weapons of mass destruction." (AP)



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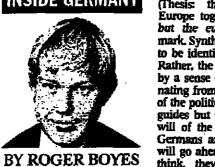
Kohl's future may hang on tribal loyalties and World Cup glory

n July 12, the finals of the World Cup will

can the German team play well enough to save Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor? After the critical euro decision next spring there will be some bumpy months before the election in September. Herr Kohl will need a supportive burst of football fever after the World Soccer Championships if he is to avoid permanent relegation.

The latest opinion polls indicate a melting of opposition to the euro, much to the Chancellor's relief. He has always placed his bets on such a swing even though the





dogged in their resistance to abandoning the mark. Herr Kohl understands the German psyche. Public opinion is not shaped by debate, even along Hegelian lines (Thesis: the euro brings Europe together Antithesis: the first wave, if the mark is but the euro destroys the somehow equated with the mark. Synthesis: the euro has lira in the German public to be identical to the mark). mind, then Herr Kohl will take a battering, especially from the right flank. So the Rather, the public is swayed by a sense of certainty emanating from the top; the will Chancellor is counting on a of the political class not only golden goal finish. guides but also replaces the will of the people. Because Germans are sure the euro will go ahead whatever they

be played in Paris. Germany has to win - footthink, they express themball pride replacing currency pride—and Herr Kohl has to selves in favour. Even so, the election campaign will be full of anger be there to embrace, on television, Berti Vogts, the natand suspicion. The Chancelional coach. Herr Vogts is a lor is happiest playing the staiwart Christian Democrat.

no easy votes to be won on the euro. If Italy is included in even to the extent of appearing in advertisements for the

> Some good economic figures (growth will be strong by the summer), a bit of bungling on the part of the opposition Social Democrats as they struggle to find an official challenger and a few spectacular goals in Paris may be enough to divert attention from the employment figures, the euro-fears and the mess of tax reform.

> The logic is simple: football unlocks patriotic sentiments and these always benefit the Christian Democrats. Herr Kohl tried the same tactic

during the European cham-pionships. If Germany plays well, it is because it is well captained and well trained, he told a television interviewer during a break in the

It does not need much imagination to work out the political message: Herr Kohl sees himself as both the skipper and the coach of the German nation. The Bavarian Christian Social Union, sister to the Christian Democrats, aiready plans a series of football parties throughout the election campaign in which, according to Bernd Protzner, its general secrefans and patriots."

mall wonder there is a row about who gets to shake the hand of the trainer in July, Herr Kohl or Gerhard Schroeder, his probable challenger, who is president of the Bundesrat, the upper house of parliament.

The Chancellor's interest in football is not entirely political posturing. In his younger, slimmer days, he played for a Ludwigshafen amateur team; he likes the tactical flow from defence to attack. But since German politics is provincial, that being the essence

come to know them as sports cessful politicians link up with their local clubs - and keep the connection when they reach the Cabinet.

Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, makes time for Karlsruhe matches. Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, rarely misses the Munich local derby between Bayern-Munich and 1860 Munich. Visiting statesmen often end up on the terraces, cold and bemused, alongside their German hosts. Tribal football loyalties connect leaders with the led at a time when such links are failing.

Daughter tells how she helped to kill family

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

BELGIUM'S latest serial murder case has taken a macabre turn after the daughter of a Brussels pastor confessed to killing her mother and to helping him to kill her two brothers, her stepmother and stepbrother.

The confession of Agnés Pandy, 39, was a breakthrough for police who had failed to elicit any statement from Andras Pandy, a Hungarian-born religion teacher, since he was arrested and charged a month ago with murdering six of his family.

In a case that has raised fresh questions about Belgian police competence, investigators also reported over the weekend that frozen human flesh and bones found in Mr Pandy's Brussels house belonged to none of the six. The finding, suggested by DNA tests and evidence from the Hungarian police, raised the prospect that he had killed as many as a dozen people in the past decade.

Inspector François Monsieur said Agnès Pandy, an employee of the Brussels Library, had blurted out her tale on Thursday night. Under orders from her father, she

sledgehammer to murder tiona Sores, her mother, she said. She had helped her father to put to death her brothers Daniel and Zoltan, her stepmother and father's second wife Edith Fintor, and Fintor's daughter Andrea between 1986 and 1990. The pair disposed of the bodies. "Some parts were dissolved in acid. Others were put in plastic bags and left near the abartoirs of Anderlecht," Inspector Monsieur said.

Prosecutors depicted Ms Pandy as a psychologically fragile woman dominated by her father, a man they describe as a sexually obsessed manipulator with all the traits of the psychopath serial killer. In 1992 Ms Pandy had reported her father to the police for alleged incest and had then alleged that he was involved in the disappearance

of her mother and brothers. Inspector Monsieur said that last week he had allowed Ms Pandy to take a 15-minute walk to "think things over". On her return, he had put the full file under her nose and said: "Now we're going to talk seriously." He added: "All of a sudden, she cracked."

Belgium after the 1956 Hungarian uprising, had allayed suspicions with elaborate subterfuge involving forged family letters and having other youths impersonate missing relations. The pastor's frequent and long visits to Hungary had complicated the investigation. He was reported yesterday to be refusing to talk to investigators until he was given £350 to buy food at the prison canteen.

Police failure to pursue the case in 1992 was being compared with the inability of the authorities to solve a string of other notorious murder cases. These included the "Brabant killers" who massacred shoppers in Belgian supermarkets in the 1980s and the alleged crimes of Marc Dutroux, being held on suspicion of abduction and murder.

Police have made no link between the Pandy case and that of another serial killer who left parts of at least three women's bodies in plastic bags in Mons earlier this year.

Police are searching for two others of the pastor's children. All the killings are said to have been at his rue de l'Industrie house in the poor Brussels



Poll gives Serbs chance to come in from cold

FROM TOM WALKER IN PRIJEDOR

HARDLINE Bosnian Serbs are getting the message. The proof lies in a faded outline on the wall at Radio Prijedor, where until last month there hung a portrait of Radovan Raradzic, the West's most wanted war crimes suspect.

Republika Srpska's shifting political sands have pre-viously rabidly nationalist public officials running scared. The martyrdom of "Dr K" is now taboo and if the weekend's parliamentary elections hand power to his Western-backed rival, President Playsic, he may be forgotten in this ravaged corner of northwest Bosnia.

Until results become known next month. Prijedor's ugly past is being brushed under the carpet. Even the July killing by the SAS of the man known locally as "Mr Ten Percent," Simo Drijaca, receives barely a mention now. For the first time in five years, foreigners feel almost welcome. "It was recommended [by foreign friends] that the portrait should not stay," said Zoran Baros, Radio Prijedor's editor, yesterday. The radio's chameleon poli-

tics, however, have come too late to win friends. A notorious agent of wartime ethnic cleansing, and denounced by the US-based watchdog Human Rights Watch, it receives. no external funding. Like so

desperate poverty and isolation. Yet around the corner in Carrington Building - named after Dynasty star Blake Carrington, not the peer and Yugoslav peacemaker — is the new Radio Fenix. Funded by the philanthropist George Soros and USAid's "Office of Transition Initiatives", and boasting Western rock, pacey news bulletins and a growing audience, it represents Srpska's acceptable face for the international community.

"We have reached the point where we no longer care about issues like war criminals." Drasko Milinovic, a Fenix journalist, said. "There is a desperation among young people to leave this environment ... to improve their living standards. Whether Muslims come back has become a minor issue."

The rival airwaves reflect the political elite. Mrs Plavsic, the first Bosnian Serb leader to co-operate with the West, will win multimillion-dollar aid packages if she can build a moderate political coalition that paves the way for the return of Muslim and Croat refugees and clamps down on

war criminals. The election is deeply unpredictable. Most observers yesterday reckoned that her new Serb People's Union .could win about 20 per cent of the vote, enough to build a

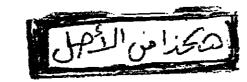
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Asian 'miracle' at risk amid political turmoil

GOVERNMENTS in India. Pakistan and Bangladesh are reeling as political and financial turmoil grips southern Asia. The upheaval makes a mockery of claims that the region, home to a sixth of the world's people, is poised for an

economic miracle The fragile coalition Government in India could soon collapse, possibly ushering into power Hindu hardliners who would further inflame relations with neighbouring Pakistan. A general election. certain to produce another weak coalition, could be held early next year.

Pakistan is in even worse political shape than India over a constitutional crisis that could lead to the imprisonment of Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister, and his expulsion from office. The army is in despair at the state of politics and there is nationwide contempt for politicians. most of whom are preoccupied with personal enrichment. The army chiefs intervened behind the scenes last week to stop the crisis going completely out of control.

Bangladesh, too, is in trouble. The Government faces an opposition assault to force it out of power over a range of issues, including increasing the prices of essential commodities. International aid donors, who keep the country

Christopher Thomas reports

from Dhaka on a sub-continent falling into crisis

afloat, issued a warning that assistance could be cut unless political violence and intimidation were curbed. Opposi-tion-led strikes and demonstrations ensure that Bangladesh remains one of the world's poorest countries, despite reforms that have positioned it for rapid growth.

Sri Lanka is also in trouble as the Government struggles against apparently impossible parliamentary odds to push through constitutional reforms to end the Tamil Tigers' armed rebellion. The collapse of the proposals would anger the Tamil minority and further polarise relations with the majority Sinhalese.

Events in India are moving rapidly. The turmoil stems from suggestions in a report by the Jain Commission, set up to look into the 1991 assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, that Indian politicians may have conspired in the murder of the former Prime Minister. It said

southern India, the DMK. was linked to the Tigers at the time of the killing.

The Congress Party, to which Gandhi belonged, is demanding the expulsion of the DMK from the United Front coalition Government in Delhi. Inder Kumar Gujral, the Prime Minister, has rejected that and hinted over the weekend that he expected elections to be held soon.

The Jain report was tabled in parliament last week to rowdy scenes among MPs. Four hundred miles away in Islamahad, Mr Sharif has refused to apologise for making derogatory remarks about the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, to the assonishment of allies who believe he could easily have defused the crisis. He must now answer a charge of contempt of court, an imprisonable offence.

His Muslim League had planned to use its substantial majority to impeach President Parooq Leghari for refusing to pass legislation designed to alter the law on contempt. The revision would have enabled the Prime Minister to escape the contempt charge, but the army warned him to back away. He quietly complied, leaving his immediate game-

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Roger Coach is led to a cell at a Bangkok police station after allegedly trying to blackmail foreign companies

Briton charged with extortion plot in Bangkok

FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND IN BANGKOK

A BRITON has been arrested in Bangkok on a charge of waging a terror campaign in the Thai capital while ag to be a member of the IRA. Roger Coach, 53, was held in a joint operation between Thai police and the FBI for allegedly threatening to blow up international companies unless extortion money were paid.

Police say he is suspected of blackmailing several companies. In particular, he had demanded 14 million baht (about £67,000) from Norcon Teletek, a Norwegian computer company. The police added that it had been easy to trace Mr Coach because he sent the threat by fax and neglected to erase the

fax caliback identity of the machine he used. He gave his address as the Nana Hotel, next to the Nana Entertainment Plaza, a complex of go-go bars. At the Nana Hotel a recentionist said she did not know Mr Coach's background, but she said he had a hotel bill outstanding and a go-go bar manager had called to seek settlement of a large bill, which

FBI agents take lessons in detection from Shakespeare super-sleuth

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON -

AFTER more than two decades as a Shakespeare scholar, Donald Foster now finds himself diverted from the finer points of Elizabethan English by tasks more suited to Sherlock

An English professor who would pass countless hours poring over . Language Association last year Foster, 47, has become America's

academic super-sleuth, a literary specialist who has joined some of the most celebrated recent investigations in the United States and who, for the first time this week, was invited to teach his skills to members of the profiling department at the FBI base in Quantico, Virginia.

It began, as might be expected, at a rarified debate of the Modern sonnets, plays and poems. Dr where Dr Foster astonished the

little-known 578-line elegy must have been the work of the Bard. The attribution caused controver-

among British Shakespeare scholars firm in their belief that the previously unascribed Funeral Elefor William Peter bore no relation to Shakespeare's work.

Widespread attention led to demands in America that he solve the most burning literary mystery of the gathering by demonstrating, with moment the authorship of Primary

the aid of computer analysis, that a Colors, the bestselling roman à clef about the Clinton campaign in 1992. In an article for New York magazine he identified Joe Klein, the Newsweek columnist, who admitted later that he was the author. Since

then, it seems, offers from law enforcement officials have hardly stopped flooding in to his cluttered office at Vassar College, the distinguished liberal arts university in upstate New York. "What I do is rather like DNA

before they are apprehended. His techniques include using a computer to gauge whether authors

is even able to establish books and

other sources read by criminals long

testing and fingerprinting was in the past," he said. "It is not enough uncommon words or phrases. He to establish someone's guilt beyond compares stylistic mannerisms and a reasonable doubt, but it goes way looks for parallel patterns in grampast the stage of just having a hunch." Employing a combination mar, syntax and sentence structure. When he uncovered the writer of of wide databases, the Internet and Primary Colors, he found that Anonymous and Joe Klein were his own literary expertise. Dr Foster

both fond of compound words, colons and short sentences. The word tarmac-hopping, for instance, appeared otherwise only in Mr Klein's work.

Russian held over shooting of fellow soldiers

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN military authorities vesterday arrested a tecnage conscript suspected of killing five fellow servicemen stationed in the Far East in the latest in a series of shooting sprees in the demoralised

Russian Armed Forces. Reports from the Siberian city of Chita said that Vladimir Mahsev, a private serving in the Border Guards, was accused of opening fire on his unit, killing five soldiers and

wounding a sixth. Although such incidents happen in every army, in the Russian military the number of cases has grown sharply. with more than 50 soldiers killed in similar incidents in the past 20 months. Although no details were available the killings have been by conscripts going berserk as a result of physical abuse by

their superiors.
This month, Yuri Dyomin. Russia's chief military prosecutor, announced that fresh efforts would be made to combat "hazing" in the Armed Forces, a key factor blamed for the rising number of desertions, suicides and mysterious deaths among the 1.5 million men in uniform.

Recently he sent four teams to investigate an Interior Ministry unit, known formerly as the Dzerzhinsky Division. Investigators uncovered evidence of 272 crimes. More than 100 soldiers had suffered severe trauma from physical punishments, including, in at least one case, being forced to eat rat meat as a punishment.

"The circumstances are terrible," the prosecutor said, adding that, in the first nine months of this year, 1,027 soldiers had died in crimerelated violence. During the same period 314 committed suicide. In addition, about 2,000 conscripts desert every

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They also intend to use their cheque book facility to help Sarah when she goes up to University in two years time.

Susan Oliver is aged 29 and single. She lives in Oxford and works as a freelance journalist. Susan intends studying for an MBA while continuing her work and is remortgaging her flat with a loan of £35,000 against a value of £65,000. She will ruise capital of £10,000 with her Personal Choice Mortgage and use it to help to fund her studies.

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Winnie Mandela faces accusers

NELSON MANDELA'S former wife Winnie will today face allegations that she was involved in 13 murders and numerous human-rights abuses during a township reign of terror in the late 1980s. The African National Congress hopes the claims, to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, will shatter her chances of winning the party's

deputy presidency. But the hearings of the commission — set up to hear amnesty pleas over apartheidera crimes - will also reveal the dark side of the ANC and the extent to which senior figures in the struggle against apartheid connived to protect her from prosecution. Members of the South AfriTruth Commission appearance is

gamble to win ANC votes, says Sam Kiley from Johannesburg

can ruling elite are lining up to give evidence against the erstwhile "Mother of the Nation". Among them is Sydney Mufamadi, the Minister of Police, who was part of an ANC crisis committee which issued a warning to Oliver Tambo, then party president, saying that she "thinks she is above the community" and had participated in the assault on Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, who was murdered in December 1988.

Katiza Cebekhulu, a star witness in the prosecution of Mrs Madikizela-Mandela has been granted immunity from prosecution. He disappeared during her trial for the abduction and murder of Stompie, 14, and was being sheltered by Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne, the former British MP. Now he may

say that he watched as Mrs

Madikizela-Mandela plunged a sharp object into Stompie. According to Kenneth Ka-

unda, the former Zambian President, Mr Cebekhulu was smuggled out of South Africa to Lusaka at the request of the ANC leadership to prevent his giving evidence against Mrs Madikizela-Mandela.

But the most damning evidence may come from crisis committee members, including Cyril Ramaphosa, who went on to become ANC Secretary-General and is now a prominent businessman. In 1989 the committee wrote to the late Tambo saying it be-lieved Mrs Madikizela-Mandela had spun out of control and was a threat to the community and party

There have also been suggestions that she may have

been in the pay of the white Government's security police. along with Jerry Richardson, now serving life for Stompie's murder. She was convicted and fined for kidnapping and assaulting Stompie.

Albertina Sisulu, widow of Walter Sisulu - who held the . post now coveted by Mrs Madikizela-Mandela — may destroy her alibi in the Stomple case and may accuse her of other killings.
Truth Commission hear-

ings into the activities of Mrs Madikizela-Mandela's bodyguards, known as the Mandela United Football Club, open three weeks before the ANCs 50th-anniversary conference, at which Mr Mandela will retire as party president.

handing over to his deputy, Thabo Mbeki.

A hypnotic and charismatic speaker, Mrs Madikizela-Mandela, 63, who demanded a public hearing into the football club, is likely to try to use her commission appearance to enhance her campaign to win the ANC deputy presidency, attacking a party leadership that she has ac-cused of "betraying the masses" and being "soft on crime". The party's chosen

candidate is Jacob Zuma. If her gamble to clear her name succeeds, television covcrage of her expected attacks on the ANC national executive may translate into significant support at the party conference.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Pentagon attacks dismissed pilot

Washington: Kelly Flinn, the former pilot who was the first woman to fly a B52 bomber, launched a book tour throughout the United States yesterday as she faced a backlash from the Pentagon about the affair that led to her districts the pentagon about the affair that led to her dismissal from the US Air Force (Tom Rhodes writes).

The 15-city tour to promote Proud to Be has already prompted strong criticism from Air Force officials, who said prompted strong criticism from Air Force officials, who said they failed to convey their side of the story at the time of her general discharge earlier this year. They say it was her lying, not the affair, that led to her departure. Ms Flinn, who resigned after a relationship with a married man, has said on television that she simply loved the wrong person.

Papon trial 'should end'

Paris: The trial of the accused Nazi collaborator Maurice Papon, 87, should be abandoned if his health continues to deteriorate, his lawyers argued as the latest medical bulletin indicated that proceedings, halted on Monday, could be delayed again (Ben Macintyre writes). M Papon was taken to a Bordeaux hospital with double pneumorua. The sevenweek trial has been postponed frequently on health grounds.

Britons fight pet poisoning

Athens: Amanda and Phillip Stembridge, a British couple working as lawyers in Greece, are launching a poster campaign against endemic pet poisonings after their dog died as they watched, when he are spiked bread he had found on the ground (John Carr writes). Many Greek local authorities put poisoned food in streets and parks to reduce the numbers of stray cats and dogs.

Chancellor's life in song

Dortmund: An opera based on the life of Germany's late Chancellor Willy Brandt, whose normalisation of relations with Eastern Europe won him the 1971 Nobel Peace Prize, received its premiere here. The opera, Kneel Down in Warsaw, features a scene recalling him kneeling in 1970 before the memorial in the Warsaw ghetto, where hundreds of thousands of Jews died under the Nazis. (AP)

Skydiver kills pilot

Rotterdam: A pilot was killed when his light aircraft spun out of control and crashed near Rhoon after a skydiver struck its tail as he jumped out. The single-engine Cessna 206 had taken off from Rotterdam airport nearby with five paractutists. The pilot, who was not wearing a paractute, jumped clear as the plane hit the ground but died instantly. The injured skydiver was taken to hospital. (Reuters)

Toy' bomb kills children

Peshawar: A mine made to look like a child's toy exploded killing five children under ten in a remote corner of northwest Pakistan 90 miles southwest of here. Russian pilots dropped hundreds of thousands of the plastic "toy bombs", brightly coloured and looking like a butterfly, during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in the 1980s and thousands landed over the border in Pakistan. (AP)

Moro fugitive is arrested

Athens: Greece has arrested a fugitive Red Brigades guerrilla convicted in Italy of involvement in the 1978 kidnapping and murder of Aldo Moro, the former Italian Prime Minister, in Rome. Enrico Bianco, 45, right, who was sentenced in absentia to ten years in jail the same year, was found by police on a yacht off the western Greek town of Aktion on Saturday after a tip-off. He is expected to be extradited. (Reuters)



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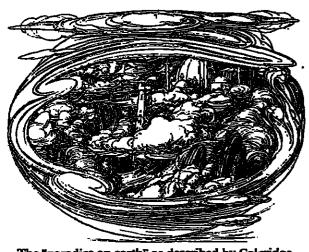
US rap star arrested

Stuttgart: Coolio, the American rap singer, was arrested and bailed twice over claims that a 29-year-old shopowner was punched in the stomach during an incident at a boutique when clothes were taken. German police said they arrested eight people in the town of Böblingen. Among Coolio's international hits was Gangsta's Paradise (Reuters)

Women flee Iranian jail

Tehran: Six women escaped from a jail in Tabriz, northwest Iran, after strangling a female guard and knocking another unconscious, Iran newspaper reported yesterday. Four of them were arrested immediately after their escape last week, but police were still searching for the other two. (AFP)





Aerial survey uncovers high street of Xanadu

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BELING

SO TWICE five miles of fertile ground With walls and towers were girdled

And there were gardens bright with sinuous rills. Where blossomed many an incense-

bearing tree. Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem that begins "In Xanadu did Kubla Khan a stately pleasure-dome decree", was quoted in Beijing's China Daily yesterday when it reported discoveries that "have already excited archaeologists" at the Inner Mongolian site now known as Shangdu. Chinese aerial archaeologists, flying over the ruins of Xanadu, the summer palace of Kubia Khan, have found a main avenue that they believe was once lined by

shops and restaurants.

The archaeologists believe they were formerly frequented by travellers from the ancient Mediterranean, possibly including Marco Polo who had claimed to have visited Xanadu when employed in the court of Kubla Khan, 1214-1294, the grandson of the Mongol conqueror, Genghis Khan, the newspaper said.

Referring to recent aerial photographic reconnaissance which took place in northern China, Yang Lin, director of the Centre of Remote Sensing and Aerial Archaeology. said: "In Xanadu, we have found ruins of ancient streets and tombs that haven't been noticed before." An aerial picture published yesterday showed the three squares of the imperial city, the inner city and the palace city which — as Coleridge wrote — cover "an area of several dozen square kilometres".

The reason much of this had not been noticed in the past was that it



One of Xanadu's newly revealed features may be the park where Kubla Khan was believed to have hunted deer

"Aerial remote sensing is at least several dozen times more efficient than the traditional method," Mr Yang said. On Xanadu, he remarked: "When a man stands on the ruin, it's like a cat squatting on the carpet - he may not see the pattern



work is very apparent." The China Daily article quoted both Marco Polo, whom some Western academics doubt ever reached China, and It said that Marco Polo was

impressed by Xanadu at first sight, while Coleridge eulogised the Mongol summer capital as a "paradise on Earth". Mr Yang described how many small signs are often imper-ceptible to the naked eye, but might help to bring out the outlines when viewed from above.

For example, at the ruins of walls and building foundations, where the soil is thin and holds little water, the growing and might appear less lush and green than those in other areas, he said. Because the walls of ancient buildings have rammed-earth or stone bases, the temperature of this part of the earth would be different

from that of the surrounding area. There the snow and the frost melt more slowly than in other places. Seen from above, a white strip would be left on the site of an ancient street," The China Daily noted, adding that the main street in Xanadu was brought out by a combination of many of these signs.

Ancient travellers had frequently referred to "a majestic street used by many foreigners who came to visit Xanadu". The report said that on both sides of this street ruins of shops and restaurants were also picked out by the survey. Observers noted that some of the details now being exposed seemed to vindicate park of 16 miles circuit "where a variety of animals of the deer and goat kind are pastured, to serve as food for the hawks and others birds employed in the chase." Kubla Khan was a great hunter.

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US black groups accused of buying off teacher in affirmative action case

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

A LONG-running "affirmative action" case has been settled out of court after a white teacher - who was made redundant eight years ago so that her school could accommodate a black teacher no better qualified than she accepted compensation.

Seventy per cent of the \$433,500 (£258,000) was paid by the Black Leadership Forum, a civil rights group which was determined to stop the suit from reaching the Supreme Court. The group feared that the court would use the case to cut down the score of affirmative action. The Supreme Court has

already pared down affirmative action in two recent cases

and experts had predicted that the case of Sharon Taxman, laid off by the Picataway High School in New Jersey in 1989. would see that trend continue. David Rubin, the lawyer for the Piscataway school board, said that the black rights group believed that "an adverse ruling could gut the infrastructure of affirmative

action across the country". There is a paradox in this case, however, in that the appeal to the Supreme Court came not from Mrs Taxman but from the Piscataway school board itself. This was its genesis: Mrs Taxman was employed by another New Jersey school in 1992, but the board refused to give her back

pay. She sued, and was awarded \$144,000 by a federal judge. The board appealed, but the appeals court found for Mrs Taxman

The board then appealed to the Supreme Court in Washington, which was due to hear the case on January 14. in a separate case last year,

the court ruled that admission by racial quota at the University of Texas law school was unconstitutional. More recently, it declined to hear a challenge to the constitutionality of "Proposition 209", a California intiative which bans race and gender preference in employment and school admissions. Using pressure behind the scenes,

black rights activists convinced the school board to drop its appeal, agreeing to fund the lion's share of any out-of-court payment.

The Black Leadership Forum has been accused of "buying off" Mrs Taxman. The New York Post said in an editorial: "You might say that Piscataway's appeal died so that affirmative action might

The newspaper continued: The diversity industry couldn't afford to lose the case, and did what it did to save itself ... The organised black leadership . . . is done trying to win through argument. In-stead, it will try to maintain the quota regime by stealth."



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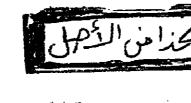
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IDEALISTS have long sought to get something for nothing. But those who inhabit the wilder shores of physics are now aiming to get something from nothing — from a vacuum, in fact. Even at absolute zero. quantum mechanics teaches, a vacuum is not entirely empty. It contains so-called zero point energy, which is responsible for some well-known effects.

One of them was predicted in 1948 by the Dutch physicist Hendrijk Casimir, who worked out that if two metal plates were brought close enough to one

another, they would attract each other very slightly. This is because the closeness of the plates allows only certain short-wavelength types of vacuum energy to fit in between them.

All other types continue to operate outside this tiny gap, creating a net pressure that drives the plates together. The effect, however implausible, is real. Dr Steve Lamoreaux of Los Alamos Laboratory in New Mexico measured it and found the force corresponds to the weight of a single blood

Not a lot, then. But that has not stopped some physicists touting zero-point energy as the solution to the world's problems, as the Scientific American staff writer Philip Yam reports in the December issue of the ragazine. One of them is Dr Harold Puthoff, who

runs the Institute for Advanced Studies in Austin, Texas. Dr Puthoff and his colleagues have examined some ten different devices during the past decade and found that none

can tap into zero-point energy.

Dr Puthoff is not discouraged. He believes that zero-point energy may be the force

ing electrons in orbit around the nucleus. If you could, in effect, use atoms as miniature Casimir plates, you could extract infinitemore energy than Dr moreaux managed, he says.

That is because even a small volume of material contains a large number of atoms. He hints that the institute is working on such a device, but as yet, that is as much as he is willing

More mainstream physicists consider this cranky. "I was rather dismayed at the attention from what I consider a kook community," Dr Lamoreaux told Mr Yam. "It trivialises and abuses my work."

He is also irritated that people he describes as pseudo-scientists get suppport for their research. Dr Puthoff does get some Ameri-can Government funding, although most of his money comes from private firms. The orthodox view is that zero-point

energy exists, but in nothing like the quantities needed to provide an alternative to coal, oil, nuclear or solar energy. Dr Peter Milonni, also of Los Alamos

Laboratory, suggests that to extract meaningful amounts of energy, the plates would nee to be kilometres long. Even then, they would have to be forced apart again, which would cost as much energy as had been generated in the first place.

All this sounds like a convincing demolition job, but zero point enthusiasts still do not accept it. Why, they query, should the Los Alamos laboratory, home of the atom bomb, employ two experts on a subject with no practical application? To a conspiracist, there's no arguing with that.

Why grapefruit juice and drugs don't mix



TAKING certain drugs at the same time as drinking grapefruit juice is not recommended, because the juice has odd effects on the way the drugs are absorbed. The cause, it has been established, are substances in the juice called furanocou-

marins which attach themselves to an enzyme in the small intestine. This enzyme normally breaks down the drugs, reducing their absorption, so drug doses are calculated to allow for that.

The effect of the juice is to block fhe enzyme, and thus greatly increase the effective dose. Drugs taken for high blood pressure, heart disease, and allergies may all be affected, depending on the individual patient Dr Paul Waikins of the University of Michigan reports in Drug Metabolism' and Disposition that two furanceountarins are present in the juice, and that they have slightly different effects.

Dr Watkins sees the findings as an

opportunity to improve the effectiveness of though the wall of the intestine.

The knowledgeable nutcrackers



BIRDS can bisect a line between two fixed points in order to locate hidden food, experiments at the University of Nebraska have shown. This belps to explain how a bird species called Clark's nuterackers manage to rediscover the seeds

they bury in different places.

Dr Alan Kamil and Juli Jones first trained five caged birds to expect to find seeds buried midway between two plastic pipes serving as landmarks. Then they varied the spacing of the pipes at random, between about a foot and 3ft 6in apart. They still buried the seeds at the midpoint, and the nutcrackers were still able to find them, usually within the first few tries, they report in Nature.

This talent could prove very useful in the depths of winter, when it is important for the birds to locate food quickly and without wasting energy. "A beak is a very small shovel," points out Dr Kamil.

Whether they are also able to work out

more complex geometrical relationships some drugs. He proposes incorporating between fixed points such as trees remains them into pills, to increase absorption unknown, but even the simple talent of unknown, but even the simple talent of bisection could be useful.



Dolphins in danger

he first signs of trou-ble came in 1991, and were detected in a dead harbour porpoise washed ashore in the Moray Firth. The rare animal was found to be infected with a potentially deadly bacterium called Brucella.

The discovery triggered great concern among scientists studying marine mammals. In land animals such as cattle, sheep, goats and dogs, the bacterium infects the uterus and placenta, inducing spon-taneous abortions. Male reproductive organs can also become inflamed and dam-

To see if the Moray Firth finding was an isolated case or a harbinger of worse to come, a team from the Institute of Zoology in London has been testing for Brucella antibodies in frozen blood and heart fluid animals found stranded around the coast of England and Wales since 1989.

The findings, published in the latest edition of the Veterinary Record, show that the bacterium is widespread among porpoises, dolphins and seals. A significant number of samples from 1990 onwards shows signs of contamination.

The new research forms part of the Marine Mammals Stranding Project, funded by the Department of the Environment and conducted by the institute. The study focused on 153 marine mammals stranded between 1989 and 1995. The researchers were hunt-

ing for antibodies produced in response to Brucella infection.

> 'Humans have put marine mammals under stress'

They were detected in six out of 62 grey seals, and one out of 12 common seals. There was more to come — 11 out of 35 harbour porpoises tested positive. And among common dolphins, antibodies were found in nine out of 29

Antibodies were also isolated from a striped dolphin, a bottlenose dolphin, a killer whale and a pilot whale.

In addition, Geoffrey Foster, from the Scottish Agricultural College in Inverness, says they have now managed to culture Brucella from samples taken from a white-beaked dolphin, an Atlantic white-sided dolphin, and from grey and hooded seals.

Paul Jepson of the Institute of Zoology, and an expert on dolphins and porpoises, says it is possible that the bacterium had been carried by the ancestors of modern dolphins and porpoises millions of years ago, as they evolved into marine mammals.

But it was also possible that the bacterium emerged more recently from a source such as agricultural run-off. There is a precedent - Mr Jepson says studies have shown that an infection known as sea lion virus, which afflicts sea lions, is almost identical to a virus found in pigs".

Nick Nuttall on a lethal bacterium that could have a devastating effect on Britain's marine population

It is suspected that that virus Cardigan Bay, West Wales reached the sea lions via sewage and sludge contaminated with pig faeces.

The scientists are not able to deduce whether the Brucella exposed in the samples actualravaged the mammals' insides. Already threatened by fishing nets, the population of about 340,000 harbour porpoises in the North and Celtic Seas is falling by about 6 per cent a year.

The findings indicate that more than 110,000 may have been exposed to the bacterium. The population of common dolohins is unknown. But the bottlenose dolphin populationnumbers about 300, and they live mainly in and around

and the Moray Firth. Of the animals that die, only

tiny fraction are washed ashore and find their way into laboratories. Brucella may have a far greater hold than the latest

findings suggest. Conservationists say the findings underline the need to reduce toxic pollution and other threats to these beautiful creatures, especially harbour porpoises.

Chris Stroud of the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society says there is evidence that the cocktail of PCBs, pesticides, sewage-related chemicals and other pollutants were undermining the capacity of whales, dolphins

The findings are likely to increase pressure on the Government to set up "stress-free" marine conservation areas for

n such areas, potentially harmful activities ranging from oil exploration and dredging to leisure pursuits such as jet skiing, are more rigorously, and legally, Wildlife groups want such

porpoises and dolphins.

areas to be listed under the European Habitats and Species Directive.

"Our limited knowledge shows that these marine mammals are under enor-

humans." Mr Stroud says. "So just as our immune systems suffer when we are run down, these marine mammals may be unable properly to fight the effects of this bacterium."

The researchers now plan to search for Brucella more vigorously during routine postmortems and to try to match reproductive organ disease with the bacterium.

"We have got to carry on doing the post-mortems and build up more data. The problem with Brucella is that it is very slow and very difficult to grow," says Mr

They also want to attempt to unravel possible methods of transmission. There is some evidence that

bacterial infections are transmitted via parasites such as nematode worms, which prey mous stress from the impact of on marine mammals.

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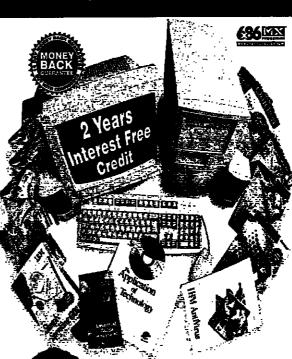
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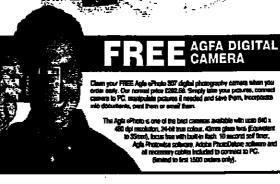
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How to be an armchair tycoon

Malcolm Stacey has made a fortune on the stock market; now he wants others to follow suit. Interview by Bill Frost

s others climb irritably from their beds cursing alarm clocks and employers, Malcolm Stacey sleeps on smug in the knowledge that his financial future is secure. He will never be a wage slave again — he has made a fortune on the stock market and wants others to break their shackles and follow his

The 45-year-old former journalist and broadcaster will not put a figure on his wealth but the selfsatisfied smile speaks volumes. "Sure, I could buy a Rolls-Royce today and take the family for a month in the Seychelles and not even notice, but I'm not one for

conspicuous displays of affluence." Stacey's first success came ten years ago when he made E150,000 from an initial investment E1,000. As a reporter on BBC consumer and financial grammes, he had made a point o studying form and buttering up interviewees with specialist financial knowledge.

His first punt -

he will not name the company - went very well and Stacey realised "here was a way to escape the tyranny of working for others". However, it was six years before he was willing to make the final break from the corporation and trust his instincts.

"I think everybody should do it, provided they have a little spare cash to risk. Otherwise you will spend the rest of your life sweating for somebody else's benefit.

"Buying shares to make a profit is not just pure capitalism either. By investing you might be helping to save a company from extinction." The secret of success is simple, says Stacey. Do not invest if you are likely to lose sleep every night

wondering how your shares will perform the following day. "There are a baker's dozen basic tips - an unlucky number for some, but quite the opposite for me. Spread your money between many different sectors — from banking to

brewing and be brave. Look for slow but steady risers that means daily reading of

with a bargain share price. Never buy on a rumour but buy into a company when its rivals are doing badly. Always follow the fortunes of leading companies: Coca-Cola, Gillette, McDonald's,

"Buy into firms with a low share price compared with rivals in the same field. When there are conflicting sigals about a company, get out

'However, don't be too eager to sell when there's a panic on. But when hesitating over whether or not to sell a share, ask yourself if you would buy it now. If not, ditch it. Don't take profits too early if the share keeps rising, but don't be greedy by hanging on too long.

it's a question of common sense. nerve and sticking those simple rules. Instinct enters into it, too, but that only comes with time.

Stacey's book, Armchair Tycoon, makes the business of accumulating wealth seem easy. The language is simple, without being patronising and without any of the

jargon that baffles all but the very few who can break the Square Mile's code. The author makes no promises

guaranteeing the reader wealth beyond the dreams of avarice. However, his own performance does encourage confidence. "I didn't go into this primarily to

make a mint; my motivation was to work for myself and never take orders from a boss ever again. And, once you grasp the basics, it's not hard to make money. Stacey could afford hampers

from Harrods every day but would not dream of abandoning the local grocer in the small village outside York where he lives with his wife and three young children.

"It's that conspicuous display of affluence again — it's not being a mean Yorkshireman at all; I really don't like being seen to splash money about for its own sake." His garden is planted out with

The birds provide us with eggs and we love them. They'll never Teletext and the newspapers. Wait served up at the dinner table as we



Gambling on the stock market can bring results, claims Malcolm Stacey. "I think everybody should do it, provided they have a little spare cash to risk"

"It may seem strange, but wealth has turned me green environmentally. Despite potentially huge profits, I will not invest in the arms industry, in tobacco shares, betting shops or companies that carry out tests on animals. It doesn't take a genius to work out that these people

"I owe it to my children and myself not to do anything that might prick my conscience. It has cost me thousands, but that kind of profit would be dirty money. seasonal vegetables and soft fruit.

There are hens and geese, too. never going to be an absentee

make a profit without a thought for

the moral consequences. Stacey's working day begins at about llam. After a leisurely breakfast over the financial pages, he takes his place in front of the television and tunes into Teletext's are doing others harm to make a

fast buck. sometimes more. "Usually I am up on the day.

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You must be a bit like a bookie.

He watches the ebb and flow of share values before calling his broker. "I suppose I do about £6,000 worth of business every day,

However, I did have a bad session last week - lost about six grand:

while, you know that stock is going to rally and you will be well in the

sniffing the air and looking at form all the time. And just like a bookie, you can earn the average person's monthly salary in a couple of

So how does such rampant profiteering square with his "green and radical" principles? "Given the choice what would you do. . . work for the BBC or make money hand over fist by sitting in front of the TV for a few hours every day and calling your broker? I'd say that's

too tired to play with the little ones when he gets home. I am also able to give them a good start in life and not many men can say that these

For those with any doubts about Stacey's Midas touch, his bank manager called while we ate lunch to ask for some tips. "It makes a change from being told that your cheques are being bounced, but those days are long gone," he says afterwards with a Cheshire-cat

And Stacey's tip for the aspiring tycoon? "First, forget any workingclass preconceptions that dealing-"I will see my children grow up horse. That way you will lead a life some guy that simply invests to on the slide. You get a nose after a - I'm not going to be a dad who is of crushing mediocrity, placing too Robson Books Ltd at £8.99

a price on security." So, his current favourites? "I don't normally do this, but if you have a bit of spare cash slopping around why not try British Telecommunications, Border Tele-vision, Fortune Oil, which has strong links with the blossoming Chinese economy, and Sleepy Kids, the company that markets the Duchess of York's Budgie the

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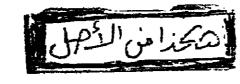
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Nothing but sex, clothes and

The Social Affairs Unit's survey of women's magazines is arrogant and misleading, says Tina Gaudoin

boyfriends?

READING the new pamphlet by the Social Affairs Unit is a bit like being buttonholed by a London cabbie you are overwhelmed by the crudity of the polemic. For what ought to have been a thoughtful survey, exploring complex questions of women's identity, sexuality and professional aspira-

tion, amounts to little more than a roar of regret at the supposed ills of modernity.

From Anne Applebaum to Janet Daley and from Digby Anderson to Kenneth Minogue, the contributors to The British Woman Today are united in their contempt for the "depressing" culture of women's magazines. The archetypal reader of these publications, caricatured as "Magazine Woman", is selfish, sex-obsessed, trivial, lazy, intellectually incurious and morally vacuous. As Ms Daley puts in "For [Magazine Woman] morality is entirely a matter of personal professors no one's matter of personal preference no one's values are inherently better than anyone

else's." For Digby Anderson, arguing that women's sexual obsession is really part of a wider obsession with self, there is "coarseness, savagery and voyeurism in the monotonously sexual language of Magazine Woman"

Were we wrong to expect better from the Social Affairs Unit, a respected independent think-tank funded by charitable donations from business and private individuals? For running beneath this ocean of rhetoric and ex cathedra statement is a strong current of truth. Many women's magazines are unusually interested in sex and fashion; their world view is alarmingly narrow.

But, perhaps, the mistake is to take

women's magazines too seriously; to read them literally, and so failing to see them for what they are a harmless diversion from the struggle of daily life.

JASON COWLEY

sestion: what does the aptly named Social Affairs Unit (SAU) hope to gain from its searingly prurient analysis of women's magazines? Answer: mounds of publicity in the form of rabid female editors hotly defending their art, and explosive tabloid headlines that are readily offered in the preface of this highly amusing pam-phlet, Magazine Woman lives in a value-free world. Shock, horror, soundbite. Yes, there's more than a

grain of truth in what the unit has to say. There's unquestionably a view among many magazine editors that their readers want little more than a glossy filled with sex. relationships and fashion. "Magazine Woman's life is:a. round of indulgences of a distinctly tawdry kind, it room in the market for an) intelligent, irreverent, formulaic sex-free magazine (cue Frank). But what's truly tragic is that the SAU and its humour-free contributors really believe that the British woman is dumb enough to be negatively influenced by what

Marie O'Riordan.

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Digby Anderson

she reads in glossy magazines, which are, by all accounts, regarded as a luxury.

What's even more worrying tone. Apparently, Magazine Woman is "indifferent to literature, art, learning and civic responsibility. Shades of the über class writing a thesis on the underclass — only for these arrogant academics, "them" just happen to be the four million women of every age

many male contribu-

tors to this piece of 're-search' are out of touch

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want or care about. But

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and social group who pick up a women's magazines regular-ly, providing some kind of vote of approval" to magazines that write about "vices as virtues". Oh dear, the unit seems to have fallen under the spell of the very thing that it condemns - believing a synthetic value system as purveyed by the glossies. The SAU's publicity-seeking agenda is given away far too early, with the prerequisite

mention of - yes, you guessed it, Girl Power - characterised by faithlessness and the enjoyment of drunken pranks once associated with adolescent boys. Oh dear, the SAU really has bought into the Spice Girl hype. Have a Pepsi. Haven't they ever heard of escapism, fun, or, as men's magazines would term it, "having a laugh"? Do they really think women read magazines with have clearly pulled in the

writing of these articles? There's much mention of the kitchen and the bedroom what could be simpler for the SAU than to draw on that time-honoured feminist polemic of mother and whore? According to Professor Keith Minogue: "MW has escaped from the kitchen only to get as far as the bedroom." He wishes. And talking of SAU fantasies: "Magazine Woman exhibits a predatory and aggressive attitude in her search for sexual conquest." Is reading about it, or writing about it, the same as doing it? I don't think so.

And then there's the admonishment of magazines that focus on the saving of time and effort where cooking is con-

cerned. Oh, no. Not advice on labour-saving for the working woman. Apparently, magazines like Bella and Prima score points because they pur-vey "deeply held lower middle-class virtues" of mar-riage, stability and motherhood (Dr Myles Harris). MW finds reality

rather awkward. reads one sub-head. One gets the feeling that the same could be said of the SAU writers. There's an insecurity running beneath their condemnations of MW. If she really is to be believed - a sexually rampant, alcohol-swilling, immoral opportunist — then, the SAU reasoning seems to be. the survival of mankind is surely threatened. Perhans that's what lies beneath their complaints that Magazine Woman is "child free"; Anne

Applebaum rightly points out

that how to balance children

with work is the issue that

worries most women.

In contrast to what the SAU says, magazines like Harpers and Queen, Tatler and The Lady all feature children. The younger magazines like Elle. Cosmopolitan and She are less likely to make children a focus, since they are marketed at younger readers. The SAU admonishes an entire Cosmopolitan supplement, Sex and Your Body at 20, 30, 40, for not mentioning children once. Well, unless MW is a practising Roman Catholic there's surely very little reason for her to think of intercourse and procreation in the same thought or the same supple-

Magazine Woman's penchant for indulging herself and avoiding reality. There is little need for effort or hard work, save in that temple of self-adoration, the gym, and no need to think of anyone but herself." Really? It's a wonder that women like the PM's wife who has guest-edited a glossy and admits to visiting the gym at least three times a week. ever get any work done, any children raised or maintain any form of relationship. Janet Daley, columnist for one of Britain's bestselling broadsheets, also wades in to tell us that she is depressed by "the picture of British women as self-centred television-addicted fantasists". Presumably, Janet doesn't feel the same about Radio 4-addicted fanta-

sists — her other medium of choice. 'Haven't What's more depressing is the SAU's hackneyed they ever aproach to every single "anti-worn en's magazine" argument out there. They've even escapism or dragged out that having a old chocolate covered chestnut of models and eating disorders.

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whether they really ought to have considered undertaking a proper, qualified study into the mass media in general. Their paper raises more questions than it answers - but not on the topic they were addressing. For a start, it raises the question of how serious, smart academics and writers like Janet Daley and Anne Applebaum were duped into writing earnestly about the one tiny segment of the mass media which has always been derogatively judged as light-weight fluff. Why the sudden flattering turnaround? At the risk of repeating the obvious why, if women's magazines are suddenly deemed to be so influential - were not papers included on the damaging stereotypes purveyed by men's magazines? Why were the persuasive, emotive worlds of TV. movies and advertising ignored — what happened to

TV Woman or Movie Woman? What's most transparent about the SAU study is the glee with which the writers devoured their magazines and approached the subject. I wouldn't be surprised if the whole lot of them have taken our subscriptions. • The author is Editor of Frank

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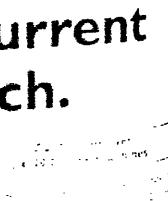
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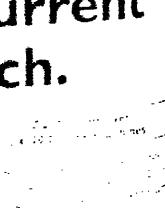


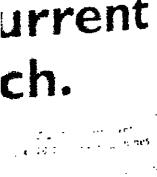
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history is dead. So dodo is its state that even to muse on it is to be mocked. But is its death merely a fashion? What if fashion, that most seductive of social vices. has buried great men foolishly? (Of course there have been and are

masculine.) The matter has come up because of science, Roman history and world religion. On Giant Shoulders, the Radio 4 science series with which I am associated, raised some hackles when Professor Lewis Wolpert offered the hypothesis - emphatically, as is his trademark - that Archimedes could well be thought of as the individual who begat what the West has known ever since as science. Not technology, not engineering, not

Great Women too. But for the sake of this argument perhaps I'll be permitted to concentrate on the

addings or subtractings, but scientific thought — something which, by implication, was happened on and therefore might never have happened at all.

Let us now praise our defunct Great Men

The Roman history is to be seen on BBC2 in the television series currently taking us through the Roman Empire on the backs of six of its mightiest emperors. It gives them what many may consider to be vastly over-credited importance in the scheme of things.

My religious reference is from a series I am preparing for ITV investigating world religions with leading representatives from various denominations.

In religion, history and science. the swing away from a view which prevailed widely into the 20th century — that Great Men could change the world - has been so dramatic that you never today hear a murmur against it. It has Stalinistically stamped out opposition. But when a theory prevalent for many millennia, a theory moreover which accords with the diurnal experience of even the

most mundane existence, is so comprehensively expelled from intellectual respectability, then surely some investigation is required. The best starting point, as often to uncover a crime, is to look first to the arts. Question: Had Shakespeare not been born would we have had Shakespearean literature? An individual can make an essential, a cultural life-changing

Why then do we now rear up in such battalions when it is suggested that Great Men can make a history-changing, or a religionchanging, or a science-changing difference? That they can by their own singular powers shift along the world that discernible bit?

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unlikely that the whole of English The reasons for the death of history could have been the work Great Men are easy to hand and of a rather limited straggle of emotionally I am in sympathy Great Men. Who were in the with many of them. It was galling armies? Where were the econoand seemed not only unjust but mies, the plagues, the multiple

thatchings of the interweaving strands of life? Marxism intellectualised, to some extent, the perceptions of those who simply could not accept that the primary forces in society were a few Greats who pulled all the levers. Society in all its complexity, the people with all their massive weight, the wider environment in its Hydra-headed unpredictability ... the permuta-tions here far outgunned, surely, any life of a single puny man. Great Men were relegated to the margins of the new Universe every bit as remorselessly as the Earth itself has been relegated to the margins since the time of

Copernicus. And yet the Earth is still, it seems to me, the centre of curiosity, of universal understanding. Might not, then, the Great Man be resurrected for a role, even a pivotal role in our narrative?

Historians today are most reluctant to concede this. But not long ago Professor Alan Bullock rather grimly admitted that Hitler made an indisputable difference to 20thcentury history. Chop Hitler down in the 1920s and all sorts of dreadful events might have happened, but nothing as dreadful. perhaps nothing even like that brought about because of Hitler.

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imilarly with Caesar; had he not won the battle of the political generals, would there have been no difference? Would Pompeii, say, have destroyed the Republic as effectively as Caesar did? Was Caesar no more than a pimple on the bodypolitic of the day or was he truly, for a short time, the head and the will of it commanding it on a different course?

In religion, too, would Chris-

manity have taken hold without first Christ and then Constantine: or Islam without Muhammad? In these and other cases it is always possible to invoke society and inevitability. But what was inevitable about an ascetic Jewish anarchist in a remote satellite of the Roman world beginning a sect whose force, several hundred years later, influenced a Britishborn homosexual lover of Greek art to adopt this Christian cult as the Imperial religion? Surely this has to be explained in some significant measure by the character and power of the Galilean prophet and the Roman Emperor.

And is this wholly foreign to science? Einstein's admiration for Newton was such that he regarded him as an original begetter, one without whose work progress in science might well not have taken place in the way it did. To overemphasise Great Men too often is clearly a mistake. To underestimate the actions of some Great Men is surely no less

The film of Keep the Aspidistra Flying is yet another example of PC gone mad, says Daniel Britten

eorge Orwell must be turning in his grave. The man who proclaimed that truth is more important than politics has now had his novel Keep the Aspidistra Flying turned into the sort of trivial romantic comedy that he despised. It is part of a growing tendency among filmmakers to bowdlerise literary texts, often along politically correct lines, with little regard for what the authors themselves might have said.

Orwell wrote Aspidistra when he was a struggling writer working part-time in a Hampstead bookshop. The hero of the novel is Gordon Comstock, a poverty-stricken young poet who is forced to abandon his career and return to his old job as an advertising copywriter. Gordon's girlfriend, Rosemary, threatens to leave him if he does not get a proper job, and he becomes obsessed with the idea that a man must conform to ideas of success in order to attract women. "Don't you see that a man's whole personality is bound up with his income?" he tells Rosemary. "His person-ality is his income. How can you be attractive to a girl when you've got no money?"

Orwell wrote the book after having himself been rejected by his fiancee, probably on financial grounds, and critics have traditionally seen Comstock as a deliberate attempt to create a cult of failure in men. In this sense he belongs to a long line of male rebels in

In the film, however, adapted by Alan Plater and Bob Bierman, gone is Orwell's passionate protest against the twin evils of capitalism and the sex war. Instead, Comstock, played by Richard E. Grant, has become a nerdy social misfit who finally accepts his responsibilities and settles down to a safe, middleclass existence. In addition, his girlfriend, Rosemary (Helena Bonham Carter), has been turned into a leisty 1990s career woman who convinces Gordon that his responsibility

lies with the family, not poetry. Bierman, also the film's director, says he had to make "structural changes" to the film in order to make it more accessible to a modern audience. As for reinterpreting Orwell's views on the sex war, Bierman claims that "Comstock, like Orwell, was a jerk about women" and that he "far better off as a copywriter than he was as a



Helena Bonham Carter and Richard E. Grant in a Keep the Aspidistra Flying that eschews social commentary in favour of romantic comedy

Who needs Orwell that ends well?

It seems that the pressure on film-makers to make changes such as these is growing as political aspirations fuse with commercial considerations. Last year, in Roland Joffe's adaptation of Hawthorne's classic The Scarlet Letter, Hester Prynne, played by Demi Moore, became a spokeswoman for women's rights at a time when the emancipation of women hadn't even been heard of. Similarly, in the forthcom-

ing adaptation of Sacred Hunger. Barry Unsworth's novel about the slave trade, Sir Peter Hall was told by American investors to cut out all reference to black slave traders because they were afraid it would lose the film money at the box office. Hall resisted and Channel 4 eventually funded the entire project itself.

The controversy surrounding such changes raises the profound question as to whether a text should be altered simply because it no longer reflects the attitudes of the contemporary audience. The recent adaptation of Anthony Powell's A Dance to the Music of Time was a perfect illustration of the confusion that now surrounds the issue. Hugh Whitemore, the adapter, was accused of covering up racism because he neglected to include the following passage: It was the negro. He was erinning from ear to ear, now more like a nigger minstrel a coon with bones and tam-

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censorship has replaced the right-wing censorship of previous eras. This has not only begun to stifle freedom of speech, but is also preventing art from doing the things it should be doing naturally: challenging perceptions.

Bierman maintains that the

Whitemore included it? changes he made to Orwell's book were justified because ilm-makers have tra-Orwell could not have anticipated what life in the 1990s ticity of an author's would be like, and because they make for a better film. He sees Comstock less as a passionate advocate of men's rights and more as a comic representation of old sexist attitudes. arguing that Orwell would have found his adaptation In fact, Orwell loathed the

type of Hollywood film that glosses over heartfelt social protest in favour of romantic comedy, and in his brief spell

> Professor Bernard Crick, the eminent Orwell biogra-pher, says: "It is perfectly fatuous of modern film and theatre producers to believe that by updating things you modern audience." In reality, he maintains, enforcing such homogeneity makes it harder for people to understand prejudice, not easier. Although he has not yet seen Bierman's film, he also points out that Orwell's message has lost



Symbolic Mozart STRANGE though it may CONCERTS sound, there was nothing con-**并,在** 文字 tradictory about the European

Mozart Foundation presenting an attractive programme of Fauré, Ravel and Chausson at its first London concert. Mozart's music is not a particular focus of this organisation, which aims to heal cultural and national divisions. But the name of the most universal of all composers is a most appropriate symbol.

Formed after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the European Mozart Foundation has concentrated on the power of music in the process of reconciliation. Its annual Academy, open to postgraduate students who are selected as much for their intellectual curiosity as virtuosity, seeks to put music in the context of history, poetry, philosophy and the visual arts.

Much of the foundation's activity has been in Eastern-Europe, but this year it also launched a Mostra Mozart festival of chamber music in Venice, planned as an annual showcase for young talent. Performers in this Wigmore Hall concert represented both strands of the foundation's work: both the pianist John Blacklow and the Quartetto Prometeo, founded four years



ago by musicians from the Italian Youth Orchestra, took part in the Venice festivities, and the highly gifted violinist Nurit Pacht attended the Academy in Cracow in 1995.

The players put on a display of spontaneous music-making in Chausson's Concert for violin, piano and string quartet. With the Prometeo's warm sound and Pacht's sensuous tone blending well, the Sicilienne was a movement of pure enchantment, and all six performers built the finale to an ecstatic close.

Pacht had already stamped her individuality on the concert in Fauré's Á major Sonata, where she and Blacklow brought an effortless flow to the music. They surpassed themselves in a soaring account of Ravel's G major Sonata. Pacht's sultry, bittersweet playing of the blues movement confirmed that hers is a special artistry.

JOHN ALLISON

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Borrowed clothes

EXCESSIVELY purist as it may seem, I can't help feeling that for Yo-Yo Ma to play his one original piece for cello -Brahms's Sonata in F - in his only London appearance this year was a wasted opportuni-

ty. Admittedly Stravinsky's Suite Italienne was an arrangement of Pulcinella made by the composer in collaboration with Piatigorsky, but it does not suit the instrument particularly well, while transcriptions of Bernstein, Gershwin and Astor Piazzolla were clearly aimed less at connois-

seurs than at passing trade. In the Brahms, Ma brought his lyrical gifts and rhetorical abandon to bear in a generally satisfying performance. What was curious, however, was the decision to leave the piano lid fully open. Ma's tone is not huge, that of his fine accompanist, Kathryn Stott, is not small. The balance between the two instruments was inevitably compromised.

The players' rapport in both Brahms and Stravinsky was nevertheless a joy. Indeed, it was even enhanced in the



latter stages of Bernstein's Clarinet Sonata (transcribed by Ma), when the cellist's music went flying and he was obliged to peep over the pia-nist's shoulder. The lyrical impulse of the Grazioso and the driving rhythms of the Andantino are briefly combined in the second movement - Ma and Stott did the whole thing beautifully — but again there is no compelling reason for arranging either this piece, or Gershwin's Three Piano

Preludes, for cello. The final folly was the transcription of three pieces by Piazzolla, the prince of the bandoneon, whose music has become something of a cult — a bandoneon bandwagon. The tango is quintessential Piazzolla, but so is the sound of the bandoneon; on the cello it just doesn't sound seedy enough.

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bourine from some old-fashioned show on the pier at a seaside resort of the Victorian era - than his former dignified, well-groomed self." The passage is unquestionably offensive, but what would the furore have been had

ditionally had scant regard for the authenwork, but it seems to have increased as respect for the written word diminishes. The paucity of good scripts app-ears to be forcing film-makers to cast the net ever wider in their search for ideas. It seems only a matter of time before we get the musical version of Orwell's 1984 or Marx's Das Kapital turned into a thriller.

Hall believes that there is something far more sinister at work. He argues that a kind of "puritanical Stalinism" is now invading the media, in which today's left-wing and liberal

EDMOND ROSTAND

as a film reviewer condemned American producers for not having more faith in the intelligence of their audience: 'It is always assumed that anything demanding thought, or even suggesting thought, must be avoided." are making it easier for a



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not a Lucky Jim figure. He

represents the serious hopes

that Orwell had for the young

poets and literary men of the

1930s who didn't succeed. He

wanted them to be honoured

for trying and perhaps failing,

but he would never have

turned them into comic

Perhaps Orwell's message is

simply too subtle for the

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ing Comstock reluctantly

abandon his career as a poet,

he recognised the insurmount-

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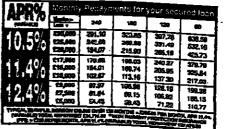
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t was smiles all round last week as Scottish Ballet unveiled its A new show for Christmas. This, after all, is the production that marks the company's relaunch after its recent near-fatal identity crisis. Made possible by the generosity of Birmingham Royal Ballet, which lent the Osbert Lancaster sets and costumes free of charge, the event is a chance for the company to prove that . in Scottish Ballet Scotland does have

> we're here to stay. Of course, as wonderful as Ashton's farmyard comedy is, this isn't necessarily the production to joke well told, although Ashton's

a national arts institution worth

saving. And the message from danc-

ers and management alike was loud

and clear: we're back in business and

signpost Scottish Ballet's future. We don't yet know what look the reborn company will have. The Scottish Arts Council, which precipitated the recent trauma when it rejected Galina Samsova's artistic vision, has made it clear that classical ballet on a grand scale is not welcome in Scotland. It remains to be seen what kind of alternative a new artistic director —

still to be appointed — can offer.

For the time being, though, the dancers are putting their all into Ashton. La Fille mal gardée may not be as technically challenging as a Swan Lake, for instance, but it does give the company a chance to indulge in some of ballet's simpler pleasures.

DANCE La fille mai gardee Theatre Royal, Glasgow

Putting their all into Ashton's rustic romp. La Fille mal gardée, Scottish Ballet's new Christmas show, gives the dancers a chance to indulge in some of ballet's simpler pleasures

Having fun in the farmyard

work is not best served by overzealous larking about. This was something the two key comic figures misjudged on opening night. Guest star Wayne Sleep, making a rare appearance on the ballet stage, was the big name draw, taking the role of the simpleton Alain, a part he made his own at Covent Garden. In those days he gave us a fully fledged Alain, one who could make you laugh as he duetted with that silly red umbrella, and one who could make you sigh

when he suddenly opened a window on to his loneliness. Now Sleep goes all out for laughs, a slick star turn impeccably executed but one that denies the pathos in Ashton's tenderly romantic tale.

Kenn Burke, on the other hand, could have milked the comedy more. As the panto-dame Widow Simone, Lise's socially ambitious mother, he needed to work at getting the fun into his face and crisper rhythms into his feet, especially in the showstopping clog dance. Yurie Shinohara, as Lise, was well

in tune with the charm of Ashton's writing, wonderfully secure of technique and increasingly captivating as the ballet progressed. Campbell McKenzie, though, was not an ideal

Colas. He is a dancer who prefers the heft of choreography to the subtlety of Ashton's characterisation, and the gentle sensuality of the pas de deux with Shinohara was lost on him.

Most impressive was the corps. To a man and woman, their spirited and lusty participation enhanced every aspect of the production. In the pit, the Scottish Ballet Orchestra, conducted by Alan Barker, sounded very optimistic indeed, the strings deliciously sweet and the expression of love in Herold's score given its full measure by the entire ensemble. Scottish Ballet may be on the cusp of radical change, but it is in rude performing health.

DEBRA CRAINE

THEATRE: Robert Wilson surpasses himself in the UK premiere of his new 'operetta'; and a legend gets mangled

elfast is disorientated. A blue neon diagonal glows from the wall of a derelict gasworks. Catholics play Protestants and Protestants play Catholics in fast-moving community theatre in a church hall. And play is momentarily suspended in a dark gym at the Maysfield Leisure Centre playing host to a Robert Wilson production never seen before in the United Kingdom.

To gaze at Hans Peter Kuhn's latest sound-installation, Blue, to follow the dense, word-driven passion of Dock Ward Community Theatre's Rebellion; to wonder at Wilson's new "operetta", Saints and Singing, hot from the Hebbel-Theater Berlin and all within 24 hours - is to experience a microcosm of this year's reinvented Belfast Festival. The work of international artists counterpoints daily with the city's own robust language and environment, and nowhere more tangily than in the space inhabited at the weekend by Wilson, Kuhn and their young cast from Berlin's Ernst Busch High School for Theatre Arts and the Giorgio Strehler

Theatre School in Milan. These Saints belong to the 1922-"scherzo in a landscape" by Gertrude Stein. Her texts, which play subver-

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sively with language, form and space, were Wilson's primary creative impulse as a director, and Saints and Singing is Wilson's supreme achievement to date. Its mime and movement levitate with an enviable lightness of being; its colours, lighting and sounds are sweet with a poignant joie de vivre

The exquisitely tapered Wilson fingerprints are all there the luminescent backdrops, the primary-colour spotlights, the fine limbs in silhouette, the slow, gliding curtains. And the tiny, fragmentary opera jokes - Casta diva in the recent London staging of La Maladie de la

mort, and O sole mio here. But the formula receives new impetus from Kuthn's score. A series of numbers roll out with all the panache of a Broadway musical, chilled to meticulous perfection and wittily setting into relief the scherzos, alliteration and ritornelli — the little returns and repetitions — of the text.

Keyboard, bass and drums counterpoint with synthesized soundbites

and volatile on-stage clarinet, frombone, recorder and accordion soloists. The score shifts constantly from background to foreground as Stein's sung, spoken and whispered words disintegrate, reintegrate and mock themselves and their audience on their journey through a mesmeric series of landscapes, still-lives and portraits.

To pin any one of them down with words would be to risk reduction or falsification. But from the opening monochrome Prologue of a priestly last supper in which the chalice appears to be fatally poisoned, to the glorious chlorophyll-lit finale in which each character reasserts his and her wry identity, this is an evening of sheer beauty, sheer fun.

HILARY FINCH

Mythology in a spin

THE omens are grim in Kenneth McLeish's retelling of the Orpheus myth. The torches are smoking and the rivers have run backwards at least twice. Orpheus's wedding to Eurydice has given way to a frenzy of grief. She has been fatally bitten by a snake after being pursued by a sailor and Orpheus is left slapping the floor in rage.

Actors gnash their teeth, writhe on the floor and eat dust. Nick Philippou's production for ATC deploys the fervent art of declamatory theatre as if it were suddenly all the fashion. What he doesn't deploy is a single empathetic personality. Surely the point of Orpheus is that he is the first pop star. This Orpheus plays not a single note of music. His tortoiseshell lyre looks as if it was put together on Blue Peter. And his desire to go and fetch his wife from Hades is the act of a petulant youth.

From the depth of the overacting it

is clear that this show cannot survive on McLeish's verse alone. The venerable translator might be pickled in Ancient Greek, but his attempt

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to add a "modern psychological" spin to a classical myth is a stinker. Philippou might have harnessed the histrionics to quite eerie effect if he set the play in a lunatic asylum rather than this inconsequentia muddle in the round. It would certainly make Orpheus's Nietzschean spiritual denial — "I cancel them all, they don't exist, they're dead" — infinitely more resonant. Especially as Gary Turner delivers it dressed as if he had spent the last four millennia in bandages. Matthew Wait does a neat drug-addled cameo as Dionysus, but the soothsayers get the best lines. According to the Sibyl, Orpheus's mother and her female followers have yet to tear him to pieces, nail his head to his lyre and chuck his remains in the sea. Some girls have all the luck.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

Learning worn lightly

alfway through his first set, Ben Sidran, attempting to pour oil on troubled waters by "adjudicating" between patrons who clearly had differing standards of audience quietness, quoted the late drummer Art Blakey: "People don't go to jazz clubs to be educated, but to be entertained."

Coming from a pianist who published, in 1971, Black Talk

a highly acclaimed, thought-provoking study of the music of Black America inspired by reading McLuhan on Western cultures and Wittgenstein on semantics - this might have seemed a little out of character. But Sidran is also the man who launched his record label, Go Jazz, by quoting the old blues lyric: "If you're not having fun, you're

doing it wrong."

To judge by this latter criterion, Sidran's performance was entirely successful. Although he is clearly steeped in a deep knowledge of, and love for, jazz and blues, he wears his learning lightly

> **JAZZ** Ben Sidran

Pizza Express, W1 enough. And he is sufficiently personable in his stage presen-

iation to impart a surprising amount of jazz arcana entirely painlessly to the most single-minded pleasure-seeker. Thus, after acclimatising himself and his band — saxophonist Tim Garland, bassist

Geoff Gascoyne, drummer Ralph Salmins — with a lively instrumental and a brief visit to the work of one of his chief influences. Mose Allison, Sidran wove a paean to the soul-cleansing effects of jazz into an original inspired by Ben Webster's version of the tender Billy Strayhorn ballad, Chelsea Bridge, and followed that with a song dedicated to and mentioning by name his 43 favourite piano players.

Sidran's nearest British equivalent is Georgie Fame, with whom he shares not only a successful pop past (Sidran was a close collaborator with guitarist Steve Miller, writing Space Cowboy and other songs with him in the late 1960s) but also a penchant for vocalese. So it was no surprise when Fame joined him for a vigorous jam.

Then it was back to Sidran's vocals. Sometimes they were disquisition on the three elements most important to jazz ta failed romance, a good travel agent and seafood). And sometimes they were sung, as in a shuffle version of Billie Holiday's God Bless the Child, an infectiously lively adaptation of a composition by boogie-woogie master Freddie Slack. As Art Blakev suggested

jazz club patrons might well prefer entertainment to education. With Ben Sidran they receive healthy doses of each.

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Richard Rogers on an intriguing

initiative to reinvigorate the capital

hen the Culture Sec-retary Chris Smith launches the Architecture Foundation's computer archive known as London Interactive today, a significant step will be taken to involve Londoners in the future of

Nine out of ten Britons now live in cities, most of them communities of more than 100,000 people. This startling statistic reveals us to be pre-dominantly urbanised — yet we see ourselves as a rural people who only grudgingly accept city life. This perception has led to the widespread neglect of cities and threatened the countryside, as more and more people flee to the supposed arcadian delights of a house and garden in an idyllic village, surrounded by green, rolling and ever-unspoilt countryside.

The countryside and the city are, however, two sides of the same coin. Both demand our vigilance, but it is the spread of cities and the inefficient manner in which they function that is the most fundamental threat to the quality of urban and rural life. Only by investing in the quality of city living can we consolidate urban communities, while protecting the coun-

We are told that Britain needs 4.4 million new households by 2020, the equivalent of another London spreading across the country. If the pressure to build these new homes in the countryside is not resisted, we will, see an inevitable erosion of that countryside and a huge outflow of funds from city centres. And the problems will not stop there. New developments outside existing towns and cities imply a massive exodus of families, schools, services and shops from areas which are in many cases already deprived of resources and desperate for cash. Worse still would be the pollution caused by thinly spread development relying on cars rather than public

This is a worldwide problem; cities, particularly those in the West, create the lion's share of global pollution. As a result, not only the global ecology is damaged, but the local environment and the quality of urban life suffer, too. Cities can be designed to be far more efficient with the use of energy, water and other resources and their impact on the environment can be reduced — but they must be planned to do so. Recycling, for example, is a component of urban strategy. Some cities of North America and northern Europe already recycle up to 75 per cent of their waste. London, by contrast, recycles at most 5 per cent.

Stemming the flow of people and resources from cities requires us to improve the quality of life in them by creating vibrant meeting places, and by making them more attractive, healthier, saier and greener — all principles of sustainable development.

Britain's cities contain be-tween 5 and 20 per cent of derelict or under-used land. A good proportion of this is in small-scale sites, but there are also large areas of dereliction, often on post-industrial polluted sites - the so-called brownland. London is no ex-

ception. It contains 14 of England's 20 poorest boroughs, within them much socially alienating and divisive dereliction. It is precisely in those boroughs that help is needed to improve links, create parks, erect cultural buildings and develop affordable housing. But where are these sites? What do they look like, and what can be done with

Little information on cities is available in digestible form. This means that many important political and developmen-tal decisions are taken based on information which is either hard to grasp or simply inaccessible. Why, for example, was the Millennium Experience sited in London on part of the Greenwich peninsula? Pre-cisely because it is one of those very large, post-industrial brownland sites that provide a magnificent opportunity to develop a a sustainable, compact, live-work community. The dome is only one component of the redevelopment of the peninsula and the regenerative effect the project is having on Greenwich, one of London's poorer boroughs, with very high levels of unem-

ployment, is already palpable. It is impossible to debate the vay in which we nurture our future communities unless real information is accessible and coherently presented. And it is here that the London Interactive initiative is so crucial. Its centrepiece is the transformation of the Architecture Foundation's gallery space into a public gateway to information on London.

ayes Davidson - a practice specialising in computerised architectural imaging - has created a digital model, based on aerial and satellite photography. Information can be accessed on terminals on projects, initiatives, buildings, transport and important areas of potential development. An opportunity is provided for members of the public and experts to research the macro and micro issues facing the capital. Clicking on to sites of interest reveals statistics, images and information. With continual "layering" of further information, London Interactive will become the capital's first comprehensive and living archive. Presentation of information

in such publicly accessible form is a first step in responding to the widespread interest shown during last year's public debates on London organised by the Architecture Foundation. It will provide a key to the complexities of city planning, a tool for information, visualisation, research and teaching. And, once established, it will provide a blue-print for further interactive models on other British cities. Focusing attention on improving our cities is critical to the future of our people and their natural environment. It is also

a first but important step to reducing our impact on our planet's delicate ecology. London Interactive is open to the public from tomorrow at the Architecture Foundation, 30 Bury Street, London SW1. Cities for a small Planet, by Richard Rogers, edited by Philip Gumuchdjian, is published by Faber and Faber.

Asian economic turmoil — plus an unlikely sex scandal — could have a devastating impact on the West

hen Lyndon Johnson was President, the White House used to defend American involvement in the Vietnam War by the so-called "domino" effect. That was the geo-political theory that a Communist victory in South Vietnam would be followed by a complete takeover in South-East Asia; Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos would be followed by Thailand, Malaysia, perhaps Singapore and Indonesia. perhaps even Australia. The Communists did conquer South Vietnam, but

the dominoes did not all fall. Now it is fashionable to describe the financial crisis in Asia as another domino effect. Unfortunately that would be much more plausible. Today President Clinton is having talks with Asian leaders at the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Forum in Vancouver. They will be discussing the currency devaluations, banking crises and stock market falls which have been spreading from one Asian country to another. The first of all was Thailand in early July; several other dominoes have already fallen, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and South Korea. Now there is a nasty wobble in Japan. Hong Kong has not been forced to cut the link to the dollar, but the property and stock markets have been

President Clinton is open about his fear that the financial contagion could spread to the United States. On his way to Vancouver he emphasised that the Asian and American econo-mies were linked. "With such deep stakes in the region, our security and economic interests must go hand in hand . . . one of our top priorities will be the strengthening and stabilising of Asian financial inarkets so that their economies and ours stay on the

right track."
It is Japan which matters most. The Japanese economy is second in The Japanese economy is second in Japanese stock market went through size only to that of the United States; the roof; the Japanese have been big

Does Mrs A spell ruin for us all?

Japan is an extremely successful world exporter, with a large and rising trade surplus with the United States: Japanese savings provide the basis for the whole of international finance; without Japanese investment, the finances of the United States, particularly the federal bond market, would be destabilised. If the Japanese domino falls, the American and European dominoes are unlikely to stay upright. The global economy would then be facing a recession. perhaps even a slump. That was what happened in the early 1930s; the great slump started with the failure of the Kredit Anstalt, an Austrian

Although President Clinton recognises the danger, he is by no means the master of the global economy. He re-emphasised yesterday that American policy has two pillars. One is that each individual nation "must take responsibility for putting sound economic polices in place"; the other is that the IMF and not America must be the provider of external funds.

There will be no American bail-out. In the case of Japan this may not matter; in terms both of the current account and of capital reserves, Japan is richer than the United ates. Japan, as such, does not need bailing out the Japanese banking system does. The trouble started with the great Japanese boom of the 1980s. That was the decade when the

savers since the war, and their flow of savings pushed asset values absurdly high. By the late 1980s it was being said that the notional real estate value of the Emperor's garden in Tokyo was equal to that of the state of Florida. The banks loaned Japanese companies cheap money to buy shares and property at these values, and that lending pushed the asset prices still higher. Interest rates were so low that it seemed almost criminal not to borrow; some of the people who did borrow have

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turned out actually to be criminals. Throughout the 1990s the Japanese economy has been suffering from the hangover. The banks took as their security, even from borrowers who were honest, assets which are now worth between a quarter and a half of their 1989 valuation. Eight years later, the mess has not been sorted out, even though Japanese exporters have continued to be highly successful. Japanese voters have not wanted to see the big banks bailed out with taxpayers' money. One cannot blame

For eight years the Japanese have

corrected, that ultra-low interest rates would refloat the banks, that the stock market would recover - as it. did for a time, though never to its 1989 level - and that the property market would be stabilised. The Japanese Government did its rather ineffective best, but failed to resolve the problem. The Japanese economy was already looking weak when the Thai crisis occurred last July. South-East Asia is important to Japan, because of the large Japanese investments and because it is a big export market and an export compenior. The fall of the smaller dominoes jarred South Korea, which in its turn has threatened Japan, the second largest domi-no of them all.

Naturally the weak institutions have failed first. Last week it was Yamaichi. one of Japan's big four stockbrokers: its failure amounts to about £15 billion, which is large even by Japanese standards. After eight years, the Japanese Ministry of Finance has failed to strengthen the financial structure of the country. It now has what looks to be the last chance. There is not going to be a spontaneous recovery in Japanese confidence; things have gone too far.

Either the Japanese Government will find a way to underwrite the big banks so that their credit has been put beyond doubt, or the panic can be expected to spread and get worse. That is the judgment that President Clinton will be putting to the Japanese Prime Minister, Rymarn Hashimoto, in Vancouver, Unfortu-nately, Mr Hashimoto's political position, which would be difficult enough in any case, has been weakened by a sex scandal. That is umusual in Japan, where a French view of politicians' private lives usually prevails. Unfortuantely "Mrs A", as the Japanese press is calling her, is Chinese, even more unfortu-nately, she is alleged to have been on the staff of the Chinese security agency responsible for spying on Japan. Mr Hashimoto admits knowing Mrs A, though he told Parliament "I was not seeing her with the idea that she was an intelligence agent." As a distraction, this scandal comes at the worst possible moment. It would be a pity if Mrs A

inadvertently caused a world slump.

If Japan fails, we would have to look carefully at the stability of the European Union and the United States. Both have very highly priced stock markets; despite its resistance to the earlier Asian shocks. Wall Street would have a long way to fall if Japan went into financial collapse.

f course, one thinks, the Japanese will get it right in the end. Human beings are not crazy, they react to events; the Japanese do not want their system to collapse. That is what I do think: indeed, the timing of the Yamaichi announcement suggests that the Japanese authorities are more in control of events than might appear. The amouncement was made on Saturday. Today is a holiday in Japan. The Ministry of Finance has until tomorrow morning to prepare and announce the measures it will take. If they are added to the measures it will take. they are adequate then the world will breathe a sigh of relief, and the Japanese banking system will have been saved. If not, a game of Japanese roulette will have turned

Wrestling with the demons

Moral crusades

do not make the world a safer

place, says

Peter Riddell

he Blair Government is turning out to be remarkably conservative, even tradition-Forget all the glib talk about the rebranding of Britain, and even Robin Cook's new "ethical dimension". The basics are little changed. There has, admittedly, been a shift in attitudes towards Europe, and relations have improved. But the aim is still for Britain, in Douglas Hurd's memorable phrase, to "punch above its weight in the world", to be a global player via our seat on the United Nations Security Council, as opposed to acting just via Europe. Over the past three weeks, Britain has remained as staunch, and lonely, an ally of the United States in its confrontation with Saddam Hussein as it was in the Thatcher and Major years. And, on Friday, Mr Cook delivered a robust brush-off to Spain over Gibraltar. Palmerston would

have approved. The rhetoric of modernisation the Mission Statement video and Mr Cook's brisk style - has obscured continuities of policy, and exaggerated differences. It is understandable that Mr Cook wants to be a new broom sweeping away stuffy and closed habits in the Foreign Office and there is a lot more to be done. But, so far, there has been little evidence of any real rethinking of where Britain's interests lie in the post-Cold War era.

By chance, Lord Hurd of Westwell has just raised many of these issues in a compelling television series on BBC2, The Search for Peace, which he has developed in a more discursive book of the same title. The two are complementary. Lord Hurd's theme, reinforced by vivid archive film, is the



interplay of realism and idealism in explaining the success of the Vienna settlement after Waterloo (with some breakdowns), the failure of the Versailles settlement after the First World War, and the relative success (at least for Western Europe) of the 1945 settlement. He is most criticial of the idealists and moralists, notably Woodrow Wilson and John Foster

This is, in part, an Anglicised version of Henry Kissinger's Diplo-macy — and Dr K is one of the star interviewees. Lord Hurd is often seen as the epitome of the Foreign Office realist working with the grain of the world as it is. While he was more right than his critics over Bosnia, British policy became too passive and hand-wringing in the pre-Dayton

However, the striking feature of

The Search for Peace is how Lord Hurd accepts the case for international involvement in problems short of war between states. This is partly to deal with those countries, such as Iraq and North Korea, which may build nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. But he sees the main danger to peace as lying in civil wars, and he now concedes that the doctrine of non-interference, with which he grew up as a young diplomat, has worn out, largely because everyone can see pictures of horrors. This can lead to the dangers of what he has called "CNN diplomacy", and demands that "something must be done" that are too often little more than emotional self-indulgence.

have talked of intervening only when horrors threaten to cross boundaries and threaten peace in a region. This would, Lord Hurd argues, justify action over Rwanda, conceivably Bosnia, but not Somalia. Liberia or Angola. Others have talked of intervening where slaughter is on a scale amounting to genocide. There can be no clear universal rules. It will depend on the pressures, and chances of success. Bosnia also shows the reluctance of other countries to commit troops, and risk casualties, to

But Bosnia, at least post-Dayton, also points to a more positive way forward, with the UN providing the authorisation for intervention which is implemented by a regional organ-

impose peace, rather than to keep it

after the warring parties have been

exhausted.

isation such as Nato. Last night's final film showed the example of Eastern Slavonia, where the American General Klein heads a UN team running a district of \$50,000 Serbs and Croats in rebuilding civic ser-vices. Lord Hurd suggests that this kind of international trusteeship may be needed in countries or areas where government has collapsed.

This approach offers a sensible blend of realism and idealism which should appeal to Mr Cook. Indeed, the Foreign Secretary has recently played down references to an "ethical foreign policy", words which he has never used, and talked more of enlightened self-interest.

o far, the "ethical dimension", his preferred term, has amounted to the pursuit of 'alleged war criminals in Bosnia (though not yet the big names), a stronger line on banning landmines. stopping the export of weapons of torture, and the cancellation of two very small arms contracts to indonesia. The announcement of the latter just before the Labour conference was widely seen as a gesture to please party activists - and was reluctantly accepted by the Ministry of Defence on that basis. But there has been no real change in Britain's position as a major arms exporter.

The hype has irritated his predecessors, such as Lord Hurd: "If you alter the course of policy by two or three degrees and pretend that you are altering it by 180 degrees, you achieve some immediate applause from those who know little about the matter. You also store up difficulties for yourself as your claims to a superior morality bump into the roughness of the real world." Mr Cook is, at heart, a realist. His sense of irony should deter him from talking about the "People's Foreign Policy". But there are also dangers in adopting moralistic rhetoric. There are solid, national interest grounds for preventing Saddam Hussein from threatening the rest of us with biological and chemical weapons. It hinders, rather than assists, clearsighted policymaking to present this as an ethical matter. Intervention may be right, but not a moral

Pour relations

THE RUDE health of the Queen has failed to impress Britain's marquesses: they are already squabbling about who will pour the wine at the Prince of Wales's coronation banquet.

Protocol dictates that the rather servile task be carried out by the Chief Butler of Ireland, an hereditary title invented by Henry II and meted out to one of his more sycophantic subjects. It was last held by the Marquess of Ormande, who died in Chicago last month aged 98. He had no issue.

Drink, Sir? Charles, Mountgarret

wine at the coronation that every-

one was under the table," says

someone called Lord Dunboyne.

"It was most undignified. If

Charles has got any sense he won't have a banquet at all."

● IT was noted here, and later

elsewhere, that guests were growing

peckish at the dinner to celebrate

Lord Sainsbury's 70th birthday as

Enter Lord Mountgarret of Harrogate (Eton, Irish Guards, three wives), who descends, apparently, from Henry VII and wants the iob. "If there is any likelihood whatsoever that I can prove my claim then I will," says Mountgarret, 60, a determined sort of chap who once shot down a hot-air balloon for disturbing one of his pheasant

While Mountgarret and his lawyers trawl through Burke's Peerage, the College of Arms is loudly dismissing their cause. "This is nonsense," says the Richmond Herald. "He and Ormonde shared one common ancestor back in the 16th century — it's just not good enough. There are hundreds of Ormandes with much stronger claims. What's so special about this

The dispute might yet be settled by Prince Charles. George IV's

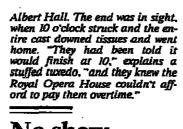


this on the late arrival of Princess Margaret, I am now assured that she was advised to arrive a little after the normal dining hour.

Taylor made

ELIZABETH TAYLOR's extraordinary prowess at renewing her husbands has been formally acknowledged in Japan, where a magazine has been named after her. The subject? Divorce, and how to go about it. Liz, the first issue of which sold 50,000 copies last month, offers advice on finding the best divorce lawyer, being a single parent, and, well, being like Ms

• THERE are hard hearts among they waited some time for their the cast of Otello. Last week found grub. Some guests unfairly blamed them dress-rehearsing at the Royal



No show APPEASING the culinary princi-

ples of Linda McCarmey is an expensive business. Last month she agreed to attend a £6,000-a-head



"The UN chemical weapons. inspectors are here"

dinner for the New York charity. Citymeals-on-Wheels, on one condition: no one in the room was to eat fish or meat. Sooner than lose their only celebrity guest, the organisers capitulated and served up a depressing sort of dinner - organic carrots, shallow-fried bean-sprouts, all Linda's favourites. Sadly, she never turned up. Says a deflated chiarity bod: She decided to stay in England and help her husband with some music project."

There is not yet any agreed

Batting on

A CONGENIAL winter is in store for John Major. The cricketing fanatic and sometime PM will jet out to Jamaica in January to support our boys against the West Indies. Major's knowledge of the game is legendary and the Windies have invited him to address the opening banquet in Kingston, England could do with a lucky mascot.

Disaster movie

THE etiquette of RSVPing contin-ues to etude the Royal Mail, which appears to have botched next week's premiere of The Tango Les-

Sally Potter. Some 10,000 invitations were sent out to London's low-budget flick set, bidding them attend the screening in Chelsea, fol-lowed by a £50-a-head party at the Fulham Town Hall - pina coladas, Swansea dancing troupes, that sort

Problem: "The Royal Mail forgot to set up a PO box," claims a deflated voice at the film's producers, Adventure Pictures. "They returned every reply and cheque to sender. It is a disaster. We've booked the town hall, we've paid the musicians, but no one's coming."

Peers awake

THOSE somnolent crossbench peers have at last been roused into action: they have held a secret crisis meeting in response to Labour's sporadic threats to introduce an elected second chamber. More than 100 hereditary and life peers are believed to have attended

The defence will be led by Lord Weatherill, the former Commons Speaker. "Tony Blair has already: agreed that our 322 Members will hold the balance of influence in any vote." he says confidently. Weatherill's army might turn nasty. "Do we need so many MPs?" he demands. "You can't change one



Helena: undress rehearsal

• THE ART of undressing men has yet to be mastered by Helena Bonham Carter, who has been cavorting with Linus Roache on the set of a rather salacious drama, Wings of the Dove. "I had to take his trousers off," she says. "It's very difficult. I got hysterical when I couldn't get his long-johns over his feet. It looked as if I was laughing because I'd just taken his trousers down but I hadn't even looked. I

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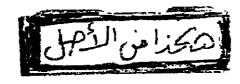
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BROWN AND GREEN

The Treasury should open up the Budget box

The Chancellor's statement to the House of enforce absolute silence from the Chancellor Commons tomorrow will say much about the state of the economy. Most of that message will be positive and popular steady growth; stable inflation; rising tax revenues and lower public borrowing. However, it will also speak volumes about this Government's commitment to a more open and inclusive style of politics. This has been billed as the "green Budget" - a conscious consultative event which allows Gordon Brown to offer his thinking and key policy options well in advance of the final Finance Act. If so, it would go well beyond the standard analysis and information that the Treasury has historically offered.

Almost every Opposition has favoured open government invariably, once it is elected its enthusiasm ebbs away. The theoretical advantages of a provisional Budget, or at least an initial set of ideas, are great. It allows policy to be constructed by consultation. Expertise outside the Treasury can have a real impact. Mistakes made in the past might be anticipated. The circulation of relevant data might oblige all parties to be rather more realistic. Parliament as an institution can have the opportunity to involve itself in the whole enterprise. The electorate at large can be much better informed.

There have, though, always been powerful objections. Secrecy, for all its faults, has certain persuasive virtues. A Chancellor who was too frank, too far in advance, especially on matters of personal taxation. could cause a stampede into various schemes for avoidance. Candour, if delivered in too strong a measure, unleashes a multitude of lobbyists to agitate for or against the particular change under consideration. These are not insignificant factors. Until Kenneth Clarke entered the Treasury they were thought important enough to

for months before the Budget. Mr Brown has doubtless heard the calls for caution.

These difficulties are real but they are not decisive. In practice, both avoidance and lobbying have already existed for decades. In an atmosphere of uncertainty supplemented by leak and rumour, accountants and tax lawyers probably wield more power - and command even higher fees - than would be the case if some light entered the exercise. As for lobbyists, the whole point of consultation is that Government should take account of good arguments and reject bad

On public spending, Mr Brown would be wise to be reticent tomorrow. The merest indication that there might be money available will send anxious backbenchers and aspiring beneficiaries into overdrive. On taxation, however, Mr Brown can be more reflective. He has already intimated what he might do with the lowest levels of income tax. He should have little fear about exploring corporation tax reform and capital gains tax reconstruction with similar vigour. His commendable interest in an earned income tax credit for the working poor should be developed.

One of Mr Brown's virtues is that he wears waffle badly. He should, therefore, do his utmost to avoid it. This is not an easy balance to strike, but he can afford to err on the side of transparency. In a time of boom it would be easy for the Chancellor to engage in self-congratulation. But if Mr Brown really wants to leave his mark on British politics, then he should be interested in the conduct of economic policy as well as its short-term calculations. The Treasury has been described as the "black hole" of the Whitehall network - nobody outside understands what happens within. Now is the time for some creative astronomy.

MUGGED BY MUGABE

Zimbabwe cannot afford to lose its white farmers

In the 17 years since majority rule was established, Zimbabwe's remaining white farmers have become accustomed to threats from Robert Mugabe. It has long been his public promise to seize their land and hand it over to impoverished black citizens. The damage this would do to Zimbabwe's prosperity has always restrained him inpractice. It appears, though, with the publication of an initial list of 1,700 properties, that he might carry out his commitment. The 4,000 farmers left expect to lose almost everything. This nominal crusade against colonialists will, if executed, confirm Zimbabwe's drift towards the disasters of African dictatorship.

Mr Mugabe's slogan seems to be confiscation without compensation. He has said that "not one cent" would be paid to those affected. He has not been entirely consistent on the matter. At times he has argued that Britain should be sent the bill or that there would be a package based on local currency. and states bonds - neither of which is attractive. The Lancaster House agreement of 1979 guaranteed that land could only be transferred on a willing buyer, willing seller" basis. That provision expired seven years ago. It is very unlikely that Mr

Mugabe will adhere to it now, The timing of this announcement reflects Zimbabwe's dire economic condition. The country has recently suffered from an intense set of industrial strikes themselves the result of rampaging inflation. Average real wages have fallen by 40 per cent between 1990 and 1996. Those conflicts were only quelled by excessive wage settlements that will eventually put further pressure on prices. Unemployment officially stands at 33 per cent, four times the rate it was when Mr Mugabe was first elected. Living standards have made minimal progress during the independence era. The Government has decided that white farmers will serve as the

In truth, it is the Government's own policies that have created this crisis. For ten years, Mr Mugabe ran a statist economy. In 1991 he reluctantly surrendered to reality and sought outside assistance. His failure to implement the promised programme of liberalisation and privatisation led the IMF and the World Bank to suspend that help two years ago. Since then, further halfhearted reform plans have been drawn up while protectionist measures have been deployed in practice. Mr Mugabe's Marxist instincts make it unlikely that foreign investors will take Zimbabwe seriously. With his de facto one-party state the

President will doubtless ignore the criticism. This has all been made worse by widespread government corruption and rumours of corruption. Were there a viable alternative available, Mr Mugabe would have difficulty remaining in office.

Increasingly unpopular at home and isolated abroad, Mr. Mugabe may think he has little to lose by throwing out his white farmers. Zimbabwe, however, would feel the effects soon enough. The output of these estates constitutes 40 per cent of national export. They employ more people than could be resettled in the same area. The country would court the status of a Fourth World economy. Black and white alike will suffer no matter how much land is redistributed. Britain is, at the moment, Zimbabwe's most consistent aid donor. If Mr Mugabe fulfils his reckless scheme, then he should not see another cent of that money.

NEW DAY OF THE BOOK

Congratulations and great expectations for the British Library

Monday, November 24, 1997, will be a redletter day in intellectual history. Future generations will mark it as significant as 596, when St Augustine opened the first library at Canterbury; as 1476, when Caxton set up his press near Westminster Abbey; and as 1753, when the British Museum was established. For today the humanities reading room is opened in the new British Library. The first readers will take their seats at their leather-topped desks with plugs for computers, sockets for modems and a light to signal that their books have arrived.

This modern cathedral of the book has been famously difficult to build. The most expensive building ever built in Britain opens eight years late and has cost almost five times its original budget of £116 million. In his "monstrous carbuncle" phase, the Prince of Wales said that it reminded him of an academy for secret policemen, and the . House of Commons National Heritage Committee compared it to "a Babylonian ziggurat seen through a funfair distorting mirror". Then there were the monstrous misadventures with old and new technology. Two hundred miles of moving bookshelves were found to judder and spill books; 5,000 sprinkler heads were replaced because. they were rusty; and 2,000 miles of electrical

wiring had to be ripped out and replaced. But the main fault found with the new library was that it was not the old Reading Room of the British Museum. Two centuries had turned that into a world shrine for Paul's and the Houses of Parl readers and writers. And those who passed Paul's and the Houses of Parliament.

their lives there, augmenting its freight with their own books, are both legend and history. Such diverse talents as Marx and Freud, Dickens and Nehru, and Wilde and Shaw changed our world under that dome. The new library cannot compete with it for

legends or romance - yet. But it is a modern workshop of the book, where readers and writers can find the ideas with legs for the next millennium. The books will be kept under a single roof instead of being shunted around 17 depositories. They will be stored at the optimum temperature and humidity for conservation rather than for decay. They will be delivered mechanically and quickly instead of after a delay of weary man-hours. The historic collections and manuscripts of the ages are still where they should be: at the core of the library. But the desks are hooked into the information technology of the future. The first readers today will find themselves in a 21st-century laboratory of the book, efficient as well as beautiful. More than other artefacts, books must change with the new world or die.

The British can be cold towards new buildings. Wren took as long to build St Paul's as the British Library has taken. And he was put on half-pay for ten years and then sacked. When the new Houses of Parliament were built, Disraeli declared that the architect should be hanged in public. After its stormy birth, the new British Library opens its doors today. In its field of the book, it is as important a public building as St

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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performed an extra 400 minor opera-

tions in-house this year, at an approxi-

mate saving to the NHS of £145,000.

the name of efficiency. Would his "ac-

Sir, It was with a wry smile that I no-

ticed Mr Frank Dobson's comment on

the nine people who had been waiting

more than 18 months that it was "un-acceptable" that anyone had to wait

that long for admission (report, Nov-

Our practice manager had just in-

formed us that to see a named ortho-

paedic consultant at our local provid-

er unit, the first routine outpatient appointment is in autumn 1999.

Sir, "Smoking costs NHS £1.7 billion,

says Jowell" is your headline on page

4 today. In the text below we read that smokers pay £10.25 billion to the

Long may we smokers live for the benefit of others.

10 Gorings Mead, Horsham, Sussex. November 18.

worldwide. Unlike an EU ban, this

would actually reduce the amount of

tobacco sponsorship shown on televi-

sion. In return, we seek only the right

for each EU government to allow a tobacco-sponsored sporting event of

national importance on its territory.

This is what happens in Australia,

which has the world's most stringent

We have never sought exemption

for Formula One alone. To do so

would be unfair to other branches of

motor sport (eg. rallies), lose us the

support of sport in general and attract

little backing in the seven EU coun-

tries with no racing circuit suitable for

ment the power to exempt a sporting

event of national or international

significance is anyway strong. Supported by a real reduction in Formula

One tobacco sponsorship worldwide

by the FIA, it is overwhelming.

Fédération Internationale de

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The case for giving each EU govern-

anti-tobacco legislation.

Formula One

Yours faithfully.

MAX MOSLEY,

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tion team" like to see us?

Warley, West Midlands.

Yours faithfully.

From Dr C. F. Rose

IAN SYKES,

ember 19).

Yours faithfully,

Linden Medical Group.

From Mr Philip Dinnage

Linden Avenue, Kettering, Northamptonshire. November 20.

C. F. ROSE,

Exchequer.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP DINNAGE,

Mr Dobson wants to abolish this in

Friedman taken to task on euro

From Sir Samuel Goldman

Sir. Dr Milton Friedman ("Why Europe can't afford the euro", November 19) is wrong. His argument is flawed because he fails to recognise that most of the adjustments in exchange rates over the last fifty years have been the result of errors and extravagancies in fiscal and monetary policies, often politically or electorally rispired. These have produced divergencies and strains in the economies concerned which have enforced devalvations (sometimes revaluations) as well as sharp and often disconcerting

reversals of economic policy.

What the Maastricht and Amsterdam treaties (which may well come to be considered as among the most im-portant in modern European history) aim to achieve is a degree of convergence in the economies of the European Union countries that will remove once and for all the principal causes of, and the need for, exchangerate adjustments typical of the era of the great inflation.

Mechanisms will still be needed to deal with misfortunes of one kind or another to which member countries sharing a common currency will be subject. But a Union with a gross domestic product considerably greater than that of the United States should not find such a task beyond its will or its capacity.

S. GOLDMAN. 3 Little Tangley, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey. November 19.

this morning.

St Paul's Girls' School (Economics department), Brook Green, W6. November 19.

GARETH KNOWLES, 2 Sol-aire, East Bracklesham Drive,

Yours etc.

Patten and Hague

From Mr Christopher Patten

Sir, Doubtless for reasons of space, your front-page report headlined (later editions) "Heseltine and Patten gang up on Hague" on November 22 quoted only the final two sentences of what I wrote in The Economist Year Book about Europe, which was itself only one paragraph in a short essay entitled "Hague starts the ascent".

The paragraph reads as follows. Having noted that The road back to Westminster should start for Tories in the town halls of Britain", I went on: "It won't start in Brussels, either by trying to love it more or hate it better. For the time being, given the present difference between Britain's perception of itself and its place in the world, and the nature of the current Franco-German project, we are doomed to ra-ther grumpy relations with our cur-Tent European colleagues. That is bound to change either if Franco-German plans succeed, or if they do not. We should not make this irritable association the centre-piece of modern Toryism. Mr Hague should awaid the nasty right wing nationalism found elsewhere in Europe. Being tai.nted with it would ensure only that Mr Blair's tenure of his present position is much longer than Mr Hague would

Yours faithfully CHRIS PATTEN, Montbretal, St Martin-Laguépie, 81170 Cordes, France. November 22.

Just a slip

From Mr Dick Campain

Sir, "Atmospheric conditions affecting adhesion of rolling stock . . . " Come on Connex South Central; plainspeak please. El Niño would have been more plausiblei Yours faithfully

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Measures to cut NHS waiting lists

From Sir Bryan Thwaites

Sir, There is only one "radical change" (for which you call in your leading article today, "Why are we waiting?") which, by government action, will solve the waiting list problem: the explicit acceptance that a comprehen-sive National Health Service free at the point of delivery is no longer practical, and hence that rationing is inescapable. Over forty years ago a committee of

holding practice, I am pleased to report that none of our patients cur-

rently has to wait more than nine

months for a routine operation. This

has been achieved by using the free-

dom allowed under the fundholding

initiative to be innovative, and by the

hard work of a highly motivated prac-

on a per capita basis compared with

our local health authority, we have

From the President of the Fédération

Sir, No one in Formula One has ever

said 50,000 jobs would be lost if tobac-

co sponsorship were banned in the

EU (letters, November 21; see also let-

ters, November 7, 11, 14). A ban would

damage the British motor sport indus-

try, but the effect on jobs is difficult to

The case for a Formula One exemp-

tion is concerned solely with the

amount of tobacco sponsorship on

television. If we accept that sporting events held outside the EU can be tele-

vised inside the EU and that Formula

One can easily move six of the present

nine EU events out (it can, and in 1999

would not reduce television publicity

for tobacco in the EU. This is because

with three non-tobacco events already

(currently the British, French and

German Grands Prix), the amount of

television coverage of events with tobacco sponsorship would remain

The Fédération Internationale de

l'Automobile (FIA) has offered to introduce its own binding rules reduc-

ing Formula One tobacco sponsorship

Tobacco sponsorship

Internationale de l'Automobile

Despite being slightly underfunded

inquiry into the cost of the National Health Service (Cmd 9663, 1956) considered this dilemma, and since then there has grown up a massive literature on the problem. An annual widening of the gap between resources and demand and the consequent need for rationing have long been inevitable: but no government has yet had the courage overtly to accept that inevitability. Let Mr Dobson, therefore, now show his mettle. Yours faithfully.

BRYAN THWAITES. Milnthorpe, Winchester, Hampshire. November 19. From Dr Ian Sykes Sir, As lead partner in a local fund-

Yours faithfully,

From Mr Paul Thomas

Sir, Having spent all this afternoon bogged down in the complexities of currency blocs, "snakes", DM zones, adjustment mechanisms, convergence criteria and EMU, I was truly underwhelmed when one of my Oxbridge pupils casually observed that the whole question of monetary union had been expounded with great clarity by Professor Friedman in The Times

She promptly outlined and dissected the good professor's arguments, attacked my thesis and offered me 35 pence to buy a copy. Should I be grateful to her and to you?

Yours sincerely, PAUL THOMAS,

Sir, Obviously EMU is partly politically driven. However, there are also very powerful economic counter-arguments — trade advantages, low interest rates and currency stability among them. These arguments, too, have been abused politically in the past; but that is no excuse for Professor Friedman dismissing them.

Bracklesham Bay, West Sussex.

Student loans From the Secretary of State for

constant.

Education and Employmen

Sir, Magnus Linklater ("Don't ever go back on Dearing". November 20) states that "students from middleincome families, at the bottom end of the non-exempt range, will now have to contemplate finding tuition fees 'upfront' [and] will be ineligible for loans". This is simply untrue.

All students will be eligible for loans, which are tied to the retail price index and thus have no real rate of interest. The level of the loan will depend on family circumstances, as now. Under the current scheme, middie and higher-income families are expected to make a contribution to maintenance. Their overall contribution will be no greater than at present. Graduates will start to repay the

loans only when they start earning over £10,000 a year - and then on an income-contingent basis. Those earning £17,000 a year would have to pay back £12 a week, which is less than the £18-£30 a week they would have to pay under the present loans scheme. This is a much fairer system.

DAVID BLUNKETT, House of Commons.

Ringed for survival

From Dr Jeremy J. D. Greenwood, Director of the British Trust for Ornithology

Sir. The practice of birdringing, referred to in your leading article of November 15, provides a vital means of measuring changes in the average survival rates of wild birds.

Thanks to ringing, for instance, we know that the recent decline in song thrush numbers (a 60 per cent reduc-tion between 1969 and 1994) has been accompanied by a decline neither in breeding success per nesting attempt nor in survival of adult birds. In contrast, the mean survival of birds during their first year of life has declined to an extent sufficient to explain the decrease in numbers. This allows conservation scientists to concentrate on that stage in the life history when trying to discover the problems facing this once familiar bird.

The fieldwork on which such knowledge is based is carried out by thousands of volunteers. As a result of their dedication in ringing, nest-find-ing and counting, we have a better knowledge of the problems facing birds and other wildlife in Britain than in any other country.

Such knowledge is essential if we are to take soundly based decisions about the management of the countryside. The volunteers should be sa-

Yours faithfully, JEREMY GREENWOOD, Director. British Trust for Ornithology,

The Nunnery, Thetford, Norfolk. November 21.

De,gree of choice

From Mrs Margaret Ball

Sir, How actors can complain about being asked to take any job in "their field", how ever detrimental to their careers (article, The shame of being a luvvie on the dole", November 18), beggars belief. If a graduate with a Masters degree , refuses any job "without good reason" then their dole/jobseeker's allowana; is likely to be stopped. These day's people have to take anything, however beneath them it seems. Why should actors be a special case?

Yours faithfully. M. P. BALL, Rother Walk, Mill Hill. Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire:

November 19.

Wigs and gowns From His Honour Judge Peter Smith

Sir. There was disorder in the public gallery of my court last week when the fan club of a particularly aggressive defendant protested at the sentence that I passed.

When shopping for my sandwich an hour later in the town centre, it consoled me to think that, wigless (letters, November 13, 18), those same protesters would be unable to recognise me.

If my wig is taken from me, ought I to sport a false moustache instead?

Yours sincerely, PETER SMITH, c/o Barrow Crown Court, Abbey Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria.

Ticket tax break for rail commuters

From Mr James Bourlet

Sir. Tax relief for firms that pay for rail season tickets for their staff (report. November 21) cannot be justified on economic grounds, however hard the railway companies may lobby for

Fundamentally it is in the general interest for people to live closer to, rather than further away from, their place of work. There are savings of time, transport costs, congestion and pollution, mothers have less need to be taxi drivers for their children, and time saved on distance commuting can be devoted to more worthwhile activities. For some, the stress of longdistance commuting leads to early

retirement. The public interest is best served by people returning to and thus rejuve-nating central city areas, and they are beginning to do so in encouraging numbers — witness the current growth of new residential accommo-

dation in London. Why therefore should transport and tax policy discriminate against this in favour of dormitory suburbs? At present the taxpayer subsidises commut-ing; the season ticket holder from Northampton pays just 15p per mile for his travel, whilst the Central Londoner pays on short journeys over £1 per mile. To give tax relief on the 15p whilst denying it on the EI would add insult to injury.

Yours faithfully. JAMES BOURLET. Economic Research Council, 239 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2. November 21.

From Mr Nigel Morgans

Sir, Let's see tax relief extended to the individual commuter who pays for an annual season ticket out of his/her own pocket.

Yours sincerely.
NIGEL MORGANS, Highview, 5a King Edward Road, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex. nigel.morgans@ms.corpoflondon.

gov.uk November 21.

Forgotten campaign From Sir Patrick Fairweather

Sir, As the "first building in mainland Europe" was being liberated from the Germans (report, "Battlelines drawn over new Pegasus Bridge museum". November 17) the allied armies were liberating Rome. They had been fighting in the Italian peninsula since the Salerno landings in September 1943.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK FAIRWEATHER, 18 Wetherby Gardens, SW5.

Pension costs

From Mr Alan Challoner

Sir. Your front page today reports the "takeover bonanza" of Mercury Asset Management, the pension fund manager. It goes on to tell us that the takeover will make some 300 staff "untold fortunes".

Inside the same edition, Jill Sherman reports on a new "stakeholder" pension, which could replace the state scheme. In this she writes (later editions): "The charges for a personal pension account for at least 25 per cent of the contribution." Is there a connection between these two?

Yours faithfully, ALAN CHALLONER, 13 The Village, Bodelwyddan, Denbighshire. November 20.

Proceed with care

From Mr Guy Bradshaw

Sir, Mr Guy Greenhous (letter, Nov-ember 18) writes of a recently enjoyed bottle of Frog's Leap wine which bears the instruction "Open Other End" at the bottom of its label. In September my wife and I toured the Californian vineyard that pro-

duces the wine. We were told that, when the wine producer came up with the idea, as a joke, to include the instruction to which Mr Greenhous refers and submitted the label design to the appropriate US trade authorities for approval, he was surprised when it was turned down. They did not think his idea very funny.

He therefore requested a written as-surance that the authorities would be responsible if any of his customers did mistakenly open the bottle at the wrong end and injure themselves. They were naturally not prepared to provide such an assurance, hence the (subsequently approved) label.

Yours faithfully. GUY BRADSHAW, 188 Chiswick Village, W4. guymelroque@compuserve.com November 18.

From Dr J. M. Tiffany

Sir, I am glad that Mr Guy Greenhous enjoyed his bottle of Frog's Leap

Perhaps he did not notice that, on the side of the cork where other producers put "Bottled in California", or some such, this wine merely says Ribbit".

Yours faithfully, JOHN TIFFANY. 84 Old High Street, Headington, Oxford.





COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 22: The Duke of York today visited evacuees in the safe areas on Montserrat, the Leeward

BLICKINGHAM PALACE November 22: The Princess Royal. Patron. Scottish Rugby Union, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, this afternoon attended the International Match between Scotland and Australia at Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 23: The Baroness Farrington of Ribbleton (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Departure of The King and Queen of Norway and bade farewell to Their Majesties on behalf of The Oueen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 23: The Duke of York this morning visited Montserratian evacuees in Antigua, the Leeward Islands. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

November 23: Princess Alexandra this afternoon attended a Service in Winchester Cathedral to commemorate the Golden Wedding of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire (Mrs Mary Fagan).

Birthdays today

Viscount Alanbrooke, 65; Mr P.M.

Birse, chairman, Birse Group, 55; Mr David Blakey, Chief Constable, West Mercia, 54; the Marquess of Blandford, 42; Mr Ian Botham, cricketer, 42; Mr Lynn Chadwick, sculptor, 83; Mr Billy Connolly, comedian, 55: Miss Beryl Cooper, QC, 70; Mr Patric Dickinson, Richmond Herald of Arms, 47; Judge Elisabeth Fisher, 53; Mr P.J. Head, head of property services. Further Education Funding Council for England, 46; Mr David Kossoff, actor and author, 78; General Sir Richard Lawson, 70: Mr E.A.M. MacAlpine, former Headmaster, Mill Hill School, 57: Sir Claus Moser, FBA, former Warden, Wadham College, Oxford, 75; Mr Charles Osborne, author, 70; Miss Vivien Saunders, golfer, 51; Mr Edward Stourton, broadcaster, 40; Mr Mark Taylor, direcior. Museums Association, 39; the Right Rev F.S. Temple, former Bishop of Malmesbury, 81; Mr Paul Thorburn, rugby player, 35.

Sir John Kendrew, FRS

The President of St John's College, Oxford introduced the speakers at a commemoration for the life of Sir John Kendrew, FRS, biochemist and Nobel laureate, held on Saturday in the college chapel. Dr Max Perutz, OM, CH, FRS, paid tribute and Mr Ross McKibbin gave an address. Mr Ross McKabbin gave an address.

The college choir, conducted by Mr Gavin Milmer and accompanied by Mr Christopher Willey, of St Anne's College, organ, sang Toward the Unknown Region by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Heaven-Haven by Samuel Barber. Ms Kate Gould, cello, played Suite in C major by J S Bach.

Nature notes

Some young carrion crows are still hopping after their parents, hoping to be fed, but they usually get chased away. Mute swan cygnets, in their soft brown plumage, stay in

the company of their parents, but they feed for themseives, with all the family upending in the water together. This year's brood of great are still very

distinctive with their silvergrey plumage and black headstripes. The adults will lose their forked head-crests and chestnut ruffs for the winter months. Large numbers of wigeon are flying in from Scandinavia and settling on quiet lakes. The drakes have a

chestnut head with a butterylooking patch above the beak, and their sharp whistles can be heard a long way off. A few colourful leaves linger most trees. Weeping Off willow trees

are cascades of green and vellow. Bramble bushes are changing colwith OUT. large, bright yellow leaves bright dotted among

the dark green

foliage that will survive the winter. Some tall mallow plants continue to put out purple flowers. The gleaming red, oval-shaped berries of black bryony hang in long strings over the hedges: they burn the lips if tasted, and are poisonous if



Pupils in the Woodard Orchestra rehearsing in Wolverhampton yesterday for The Woodard Schools 150th anniversary concert at the Albert Hall in London tomorrow. Almost 1,400 pupils from 37 of the Anglican schools across the country will be performing in the orchestra and concert band or singing in the two choirs

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Senior Fellow, will attend the Royal Acad-emy of Engineering New Fellows' dinner at Drapers' Hall, at 7.20. Princess Margaret will visit the Phoenix Theatre, Blyth, Northumber-land, at 10.55; and the National Children's Home, Ashington, at 11.55. The Duke of Gloucester will open the rebuilt Leonard Cheshire Home, Rustington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, at 4.00; and, as president, NABC—Clubs for Young People, will open a new building for the Crawley boys' club, Crawley New Town, at 6.15. The Duckess of Gloucester, parron. BLISS (Baby Life Support System), will attend a reception to mark BLISS 18th anniversary, at Claridge's, at 7.00.

University news

Oxford Jesus College

Miss Mui-lun Tan has been elected to the Bahran Dehqani-Tafti Scholarship. Mr Cameron Dalgetty Mabon has been awarded the Bahran Dehqani-

Tafti Travei Scholarship 1997.

Lincoln's Inn The following have been elected Ordinary Benchers of Lincoln's Irus: Mr David Goldberg, QC, Mr Shaun, Speacer, QC, Mr John Jarvis, QC, and Mr Gooffrey Entersall, QC.

Archaeology

River deposits yield long-lost Chinese city

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent north and south walls are well

preserved, they report in World

vards below the modern surface.

but the top of the surviving portion

is only 2-3 yards down. The remains date from the "Spring and Autumn" period of the Zhou Dynasty, whose duke deposed the

"Several ancient texts mention

that the city Song was built by the descendants of the Shang royal house on their homeland, and the city has long been believed to be located somewhere in this

Shangoiu area." Zhichwan Jing

The name of the site,

Laonanguan, means old southern

town gate", suggesting some an-cient memory of the former city,

and they have tentatively identified it as the lung-lost Song, the dower house of the deposed dynasty.

Source: World Archaeology 29 No 1: 36-50

and his colleagues more.

last Shang Emperor.

The base of the walls lies 11-12

Archaeology.

AN ANCIENT Chinese city more than 2,000 years old has been found under river deposits near the Yellow River. It is believed to have been the home of the deposed Shang Dynasty, who ruled China between around 1800 and 1100 BC.

The site, at Laonanguan, lies about 100 miles east of the former Shang capital of Ao, modern Zhengshou, and was located by coring through more than 30ft of allovium dumped by successive floods. Until 1855, the Yellow River ran just to the north, before shifting to its present course.

Three of the four city walls, which were built of rammed earth between 770 and 446 BC, have been found, one of them two miles ong. The coring profile has found a declivity in the sediments along the wall line, which Zhichuan Jing and his colleagues believe to be the site of one of the city walls. The whole west wall, 3,000 yards long, and the west portions of the

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Baruch Spinoza, philosopher, Amsterdam, 1632; Laurence Sterne, novelist, Conmel. Co Tipperary, 1713; John Bacon, sculptor, Loridon, 1740; Zachary Taylor, 12th American President 1849-50, Montebello, Gordonsville, Virginia, 1784; Grace Darling, heroine of the Forfurshire wreck, Bamburgh, Northumberland. 1815; Frances Burnett, novelist and dramatist, Manchester, 1849; Henri Toulouse-Lautrec, painter, Albi, France, 1864; Herbert Sutcliffe, England and Yorkshire cricketer, Padsey, Yorkshire, 1894.

DEATHS: John Knox, Protestant DEATHS: John Knox, Protestant reformer, Edinburgh, 1572 Robert Henry, historian, Edinburgh, 1790; William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Mel-bourne, Prime Minister 1834 and 1835-41, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, 1848; Sir Henry Havelock, general, Luck-now, India, 1857; Sir Hiram Maxim, primers of the machinetim. London

pioneer of the machinegum, London. 1916: Robert Erskine Childers, Irish nationalist and writer, executed, Dublin, 1922; Georges Clemenceau, Prime Minister of France 1917-20, Paris, 1929; Freddie Mercury, singer and songwriter, London, 1991. Abel Tasman discovered Van Dieman's land, 1642, renamed Tasmania, 1853.

Charles Darwin's The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selec-tion was published, 1859. Lee Harvey Oswald, charged with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, was shot dead by Jack Ruby in the underground car park of Dallas police headquarters, 1963.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B.D.A. Cecil and Miss J. Sahadi

The engagement is announced between Ben, younger son of the Hon Mrs Patterson, of Ecchinswell, Newbury, and Mr David Cecil, and Jenne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Fred Sahadi, of California. Mr.S. Husson and Miss H. Merrogh-Bernard

The engagement is announced between Simon Husson, of Brighton, and Helen Morrogh-Bernard, of Cirencester, GL76HP. Dr C.J. Skelfon-Foord and Miss D. Miche

The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs Benedict Skelton-Foord, of Montrose, Scotland, and Dorothea, younger daughter of the late Mr. Ernst August Miche and of Mrs Ilse Miche, of Goslar,

Mr J. Turnbull

and Miss C.G. House The engagement is announced between Julian, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Turnbull, of Faversham, Kent, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Hoare, of Leatherhead,

Mr D.J. Williams

and Miss A.C. Turnbull The engagement is announced between Deats, son of the late Jeffery Williams, CBE, and of Mrs Williams, of Oxford, and Alexandra, daughter of the late Adrian Turnbull and stepdaughter of Mrs Margaret Turnbull, of Goathland, North Yorkshire.

Service dinner Royal Tank Regiment Major General R.W.M. McAfee, Colonel Commandant Royal Tank Regiment, presided at the Annual Others Dinner held on Saturday. November 22, at the Salle de la Manutention, Cambrai, France, to mark the eighteth anniversary of the Battle of Cambrai. The principal Guests of Honour were Sir Michael Jay, KCMG, HM Ambassador to Paris, Dr J. Reid, Minister of State for the Armed Forces Captain Norman Edwards, First World War Veteran, and Mr C. Berry-Green, Master Vintner.

Dinners

The Athenaeum, Liverpool The Athennessm, Liverpool
The Lord Chief Justice, accompanied
by Lady Bingham of Corshill, the
Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside and
the Lord Mayor of Liverpool were the
principal guests at a dinner given by
the Proprietors of the Athenneum
held on Sannday at the Town Hall,
Liverpool, to mark the bi-centenary of
the institution. Sir Christopher
Hewesson, president, was in the chair.

Mr Jim Sarton president of the Savoy Gastronomes, presided at the annual dinner held on Saurday at Hindesham Hall, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Marriages

Mr R.E. Greenwood and the Hon Gillian Donglas

The marriage took place on Saurday at St Stephen's, Sparsholt, Hampshire, of Mr Robin Greenwood, son of Mrs Parnela Greenwood, of South Cadbury, Somerset, and the late Mr Peter Greenwood, to the Hon Mr Peter Greenwood, to the Hon Gillian Douglas-Pennant, elder daughter of Lord and Lady Penrhyn, of Littleton, Hampshire. The Rev David Williams officiated The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emily, Edward and Nicholas Troubridge and Sophie Laurie. Mr Robert Rous was best

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Sir Edwin Nixon and Miss B.D. Rogers

The marriage took piace on Saturday at the Church of St Lawrence, Chobham, Surrey, between Sir Edwin Nixon, of between Sir Edwin Nixon, of Rogate, Hampshire, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs William A. Nixon, and Miss Bridget Rogers, elder daughter of Mrs Lenna Rogers and the late Mr Reginald Rogers, of Chobham. The Rev Andrew Body and the Rev Professor Owen Chadwick, OM, KRE FRA officiated. KBE, FBA, officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by Mr John Eniwistle. Professor Sir Christopher Zeeman, FRS, was best man.

Mr J.W.G Newall

and Miss S.B. Allison
The marriage took place on
Saturday at St Mary The Bohons,
West Kensington, between Lieutenant Jamie Newall, younger son of Sir Paul and Lady Newall, son of Sir Paul and Lady Newali, of Yordord, Suffolk, and Miss Sacha Allison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Allison, of Harcourt Hill, Oxford. The Rev Gerald Beauchamp officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Topsy Secombe. The Honey Stewart was best man.

Hon Henry Stewart was best man. A guard of honour was found by 7 Company Coldstream Guards.
A reception was held at the home of the bride's grandparents.

Mr.M.C.H. Allies and Miss T.F.L. Page

The marriage took place on October 30, in Hong Kong, of Martin, elder son of Mr Frank Allies, of Karlsruhe, and Mrs Uta Allies, of Gemerscheim, Germany. and Tayma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Page, of Barton Seagrave, Northamptonshire.

The bride was attended by Romy Affies and Miss Elise Page. Mr Steffan Allies was best man. - A reception was held at The Grand Hyatt and a dinner and dance at the Peak Cafe.

Dr M. Rigg and Mrs A. Martin

The marriage took place quietly on November 22. at St Mary's Church, Vancouver, BC, between Dr Michael Rigg and Mrs Alison

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BIRTHS

ARREE - On November 20th 1997, to Emma (née Colvile) and Angus, a daughter, Julia Katharine, a sister for Marthar

OUDGEON On 14th November, 1997 to Bridget (ase Taylor) and Johnny, a boy, Patrick George Mackellar a breaker

POLITT - On November 11th at Pembury Hospital to Canoline (nos Fangular) and Jonathan, a beautiful daughter, Eleanor Margaret.

SUNLEY - On Wednesday November 19th, 1997 to Amanda (née Jackson) and James, a son, Casper Mark Recognit

THESTLETHWAYTE - On 20th November 1997 in Guernsey, to Melissa and Mark, a daughter, Rosie Imogen Mattland.

TYLER - On 18th November, 1997 to Stephanie (née Humphrys) and Mark, the precious gift of a daughter Saskia Jade, a sister for Becky.

DEATHS

CLIFTON-MOGG - Desmond Alan, DSC, pencefully at home on November 20th 1997, aged 82. Beloved husband of Ellen, father of Caroline and Candy, and grandfather to Eliza, Georgis, Bertie and readle. Cremation on Wednesday 26th November at 10:30am at Mortlabe Crematohum. If 20th November at 10:30am at Mortlanko Crematonian. If wished, instead of flowers, donations may be made to The Trinity Hospice. 30, Clapham Common North Sida, London, SWA Funeral Directors, W S Bond, 127, Fulham Palice Road.

le COURCY - On 20th November, 1997, peacefully at home following a year long fight against cancer, Mary-Cistes Beloved wife of John. Family flowers only, but denstions for Hospics in the Weald do Paul Sysocth Funeral Services, Crowbonough. Tai: (01892) 655000.

REARN - Claude Geoffrey, suddenly at home on 20th November. Much loved and respected husband, father and grandfishler. Funeral at St Peur and St Paul Church, Wadhusst 11.30am Friday 28th November. Flowers of donations to Hospice in the Weald c/o F Sysouth, Crowborough. Tel: 01892 655000.

ASSOCO.

MEMBRIS. David H.R. Jenkins aged 54 died on 20th November 1997 following a plans accident in his own Tiger Moth in Angust of this year. He survived for three months due to the courage and determination, together with the excellent care of the Cardiff Royal Infinency and University Hospital of Wales Intensive Case Units. The Ameral is to be held at Liandaff Cathedral at 2.00 pm on Friday 28th Rosember 1997. No Inswers by request but denations planses to atthe UHW ITU (attention of Gaynor Andrews, Ref. Ro: 6424). Chaques to CRI End UHW should both be made payable to "UHW Healthcare NES Trust).

DEATHS

CELING - On November 21st Colonel John George Mickeel Keeling (Estimed RAOC) aged 39. Nucl. lowed meshand of Edna, father of David and grandfather of Francis, Lwiez, Antonia and Daminis peacefully at home in Elmawell, Suffolk. Enquiries to 01225 425096.

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STORBY-PURM - Alison, died peacenfully on Friday 21st November 1997 at The Ashdown Hospital, Haywards Heath after a short filmess. Much loved mother of Shella, Piers and Sarah. Puneral service at Sursey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth on Wednesday 2668. November at 2.45pm. Pamily flowers only phase but donations if desired for The Donkey Sanctury may be sent to Big Matthews, 1, Old Taibot House, High Street, Cockfield, HEIT 5 JK. Tet O1444 441515.

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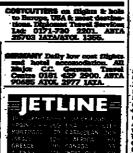








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OBITUARIES

MICHAEL HUTCHENCE

Michael Hutchence, rock star, was found dead in his hotel room in Sydney on November 22, aged 37. He was born on January 22, 1960.

ichael Hutchence was the closest Australia has come to having an equivalent of rock rebels such as Mick Jagger and Jim Morrison. A hard-living hell-raiser who often hoasted of his copious intake of drugs, he did his swagering best to live up to the danger impli-cit in the name of his band, INXS (in excess). He marked his birthday this vear by claiming that he was "never going to live my life in a way that's deemed appropriate, but actually lived, and apparently died, in the antic manner now virtually de rigueur for rock's hard men.

In recent years he became a more regular fixture in the gossip columns than in the music press, which had come to regard the uncomplicated funk-rock played by INXS as unfashionable. Yet for several years Hutchence led one of the best-selling stadium rock bands in the world, selling more than 20 million albums. He relished the part, considering himself "bloody good at being a rock star", and was once described as "surfing on the irony of it ali".

Hutchence was born in Sydney to a suburban middle-class family, but led a peripatetic childhood, living in Hong Kong, where he picked up his English accent, and Los Angeles. He always believed that his upbringing influenced the restlessness and bohemianism that came to characterise his adult life.

Back in Sydney in 1977, he became lead singer with a band known as the Farriss Brothers, which became INXS the following year when it moved to Perth. The band's original six-strong line-up was to remain unchanged throughout. They developed a driving sound that combined rock, dance and soul, and spent the next four years travelling across Australia, playing up to 300 dates a year, mostly in small and seedy venues. Some of these had separate bars for men and women, with gutters running between so that the lager and vomit could be hosed away. The band's first album appeared in

1980, and there were several minor Australian hits before they were signed to a major label in 1982. The deal took them to America and Britain, where they traded successfully on the sultry good looks and bad boy charisma of Hutchence, who was also rapidly developing as a songwriter.

Touring incessantly, they also became one of the first bands to benefit from the emergence of MTV, with a series of striking videos. In 1986 Hutchence made his film debut in *Dogs in Space*, playing a heroin-addicted punk. Shortly after-



wards, the single What You Need reached the top five in America and, aided by a satellite appearance in Bob Geldof's Live Aid and sell-out shows supporting Queen. Listen Like Thieves became the band's first million selling album. Some of the proceeds were invested in the film Crocodile Dundee, initially as a tax loss.

Kick, INXS's best album, occupied the British charts for more than two years at the end of the 1980s, and was followed by the successful X and the hit singles Need You Tonight, a number one in America, and Suicide Blonde. By 1990 Hutchence was at his peak, an all-round celebrity as well as a senior member of the rock

aristocracy, starting as Shelley in Roger Corman's Frankenstein Unbound and winning a Brit award as best internation-

INXS were to top the British album charts once more, in 1993 with Welcome to Wherever You Are, but by then the dual influences of Britpop and house were about to change musical fashions. Sales began to decline outside Australia and last year Liam Gallagher of Oasis denounced Hutchence as a "has-been". The last albam. Elegantly Wasted, received a critical mauling for repeating the same old rock cliches, although Hutchence enjoyed some success singing on the soundtracks of the hit films Batman Forever and Face/Off. He was preparing for a sell-out tour, called "Lose Your Head, to celebrate INXS's 20th anniversary and Michael Douglas had reportedly invited him to Hollywood to discuss future film roles.

Despite his commercial decline Hutchence had been more in the media glare than ever in recent years because of his turbulent lifestyle, and as consort to a string of famous women. There were affairs with Kylie Minogue and the model Helena Christensen before he hit the tabloid headlines in 1995 over his liaison with Paula Yates, who had then been married to Bob Geldof for nine years. The two had first met much earlier, when Yates interviewed him on television and described him as "the sexiest man alive".

Caught in an increasingly tangled web, of soap-opera complexity, Geldof and Yates at one point attempted a reconciliation while Hutchence went back to Christensen and posed for romantic shots in Hello! magazine. Shortly afterwards Hutchence punched a paparazzo who had tracked him and Yates to a hotel. He was duly fined.

Last year Yates gave birth to Hutchence's daughter, named Heavenly Hiraani Tiger Lily. Then, after changing their partners, Geldof, Yates and Hutchence agreed to change houses. In a bizarre house-swap, the new couple moved into Geldof's Chelsea home while Yates's husband moved into Hutchence's one-bedroom house. Shortly afterwards, the police raided the couple's home for

drugs.

Hutchence recently announced that he and Yates would marry in Tahiti in January, and he was reported to be househunting for them in Sydney. In an interview in October he described himself as "the luckiest man alive", and all who knew him were surprised by his death. After Kurt Cobain's suicide, Hutchence had remarked: "Pop eats its young, that's for sure."

He is survived by Paula Yates and their

MONTY FRESCO



Fresco's lucky shot of Princess Anne was voted Best Royal Picture of 1976

Monty Fresco, MBE, press hotographer, died on November 22 aged 78. He was born on October 17, 1919.

N A career of more than 60 years on Fleet Street, Monty Fresco won more awards than any other press photographer, including Best Photographer in the World. During his travels he often told astonished officials that the reason he had just walked past a "no admittance" sign was that he had left school at 14 and couldn't read. Sir David English, the Editor in Chief of the Daily Mail, said that Fresco's "amusing personality meant that he could charm or persuade his subjects into doing exactly what he

Perhaps Fresco's most famous picture is of Princess Anne, peeking out from a host of hats at the Montreal Olympics in 1976. But his favourite was of the Pope at home in Poland, which had been obtained with characteristic cheek. He had run past the guards and sat among the redrobed cardinals just 15ft from the Pope. The picture is of the Pope quizzically looking at him as he snapped away.

Monty Moses Fresco was born in Spitalfields in London's East End, the youngest of 14 children. His father was a carpenter and odd-job man. His mother pawned her wedding ring to buy him his first camera, and she was rewarded when his first picture was published in the London Star when he was only 15.

His career had begun by accident when he walked into a picture agency in Fleet Street by mistake, having taken the wrong door when trying to find a printers'

where he had been promised a job.

He married his childhood sweetheart. Simmie, in 1941, and after working for the picture agency, Topical Press, and time in the Army on National Service, he joined the Daily Sketch in 1959. During his career he travelled the world, seeing foxholes in Vietnam and the Sinai Desert, watching Muhammad Ali's big fights, Geoff Hurst's winning hat-trick in the World Cup and a lo-day husky-race across the wastes of Alaska. He also photographed personalities from Churchill to Idi Amin. In 1970 he moved to the Daily Mail, where he worked until 1989.

In 1982 he published Pictures Are My Life, a selection of his best photographs from the jubilee of George V onwards. Four years later Fresco was surprised to find himself ambushed by the media, to be feted by Frank Bruno and Miss World as the subject of television's This is Your Life. Last year he was appointed MBE for his services to journalism.

Ian Wooldridge, who worked with him for many years, said: "What distinguishes the ace is the talent to pick the locks of contemporary history and slip through the doors which conceal great pictures. At this thrilling and difficult game, Monty Fresco was without peer.

He is survived by his wife, and their son and daulghter.

PROFESSOR JOHN LAWSON

Professor John Lawson. obstetrician, died on October 25 aged 75. He was born on June 20, 1922.

JOHN LAWSON was a giant, not only in stature - he was off 7in — but also, for 40 years, in the field of medicine in the developing world. In 1953 he went to Nigeria as Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the new medical school at University College, Ibadan, which was then affiliated to the University of London. Setting up in the government hospital at Adeoyo, he moved his department to the new University College Hospital, where it became internationally recognised for its work on the problems of women and childbirth in a region where associated mortality and morbidity were on a scale scarcely comprehended in the developed world.

The department made major contributions to the understanding and treatment of anaemia due to malnutrition, malaria and blood disorders (such as sickle cell disease), which at the time actually accounted for more deaths than anything else. Lawson's special contributions were to mechanical obstruction in unsupervised childbirth, and in its devastating sequel of genital trauma resulting in urinary and faccal fistula. The sufferers who survived (mostly adolescents) were completely incontinent and rejected by spouses and families. Following in the steps of Chassar Moir and Mahfouz Lawson and his colleague Paul Hendrickse established a fistula unit of international renown, attracting patients from far afield and aspiring surgeons to be trained.

Appointments

NHS Trust (same diocese).

Rougham (Norwich).

Sheffield Cathedral.

All Saints', Wellingham and

The Rev Emma Percy, Chaplain,

Anglia Polytechnic University (Cambridge Campus) (Ely): to be

Priest-in-Charge, Millhouses Holy Trinity (Sheffield)

The Rev Dr Martyn Percy, Director, Lincoln Institute for the Study

of Religion and Society (Sheffield):

to be an Honorary Canon of

The Rev Malcolm Rogers, Curate, Holloway Road St Mary Mag-dalene (London): to be Vicar, same

The Rev Alastair Ross, Vicar, Halifax, and Rural Dean of Hali-

fax (Wakefield): to be an Honorary

Conon of Wekefield Cathedral



Recognising that this was a problem throughout the developing world, Lawson wrote and lectured widely, producing an educational film, which won a BMA silver award in 1963. With his friend Dave Stewart of the University of the West Indies, he

produced an important work Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the Tropics. The Ibadan Unit has been an inspiration for a number of special units and hospitals devoted to fistula surgery across the continent and

John Lawson was born in 1922 in Ashby de la Zouch, where his father was a mining engineer. As a prefect at Rugby, his awaken-ing social conscience dictated that he should not participate in the traditional activity of punishing younger boys. His subsequent education was at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and the London Hospital, where the practice was largely with the underprivileged of the East End.

ional Service, on secondment to the West African Medical Corps in Sierra Leone, that Lawson's interest was aroused in the problems of the deprived and underprivileged, which were compounded in the case of women by their status in society. After a traditional specialist training which included Queen Charlotte's and the Hospital for Women, the young man with pronounced left-wing views was elected for the chair at Ibadan, an appointment which caused some concern in government circles, owing to the anxieties about communist influence over the emergent African nations.

It was, however, during Nat-

Lawson's contribution to Ibadan was not confined to his department. He played a signifi-cant role in holding the university together during the difficult years of civil unrest, culminating in the civil war, and for a spell he served as acting vice-chancellor. Characteristically he turned down the offer of an

In 1969 he decided to stand down in order to allow others to head the department on a rotating basis. He was appointed to a full-time NHS post at Newcastle General Hospital and the Princess Mary Hospital - the first joint appointment between these two. He set himself the task of organising the training of junior doctors on a regional basis, and of improving the lot of those who came from abroad. He was director of postgraduate studies at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists from 1981 to 1987, when he was elected vice-president and overseas officer.

During these years Lawson served for a time on the World Health Organisation's standing expert advisory committee on maternal and child health, and he continued to undertake overseas assignments for WHO. the British Council and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. He played a crucial part in persuading the Royal College to support an ambitious Anglo-American training programme to tackle the appalling maternal death-rate in Ghana.

Lawson inspired great loyalty. respect and friendship among his trainees, but relations with his contemporaries were not always as easy, for tact was not his strong point. He accepted with dignity that his term as vice-president was not to run a full three years, but it was clearly a wounding blow.

His was a complex character. sometimes the left-wing maverick, at other times very Estabhishment. His recreations of shooting and fishing were enjoyed largely in non-medical company. Sadly these were curtailed in his later years by the illness which severely restricted his mobility. He is survived by his wife, without whose devoted support John Lawson would never have achieved what he did for the underprivileged women of the world. He also leaves two sons.

on January 28, 1905.

IN AN inventing career spanning seven decades, Luther Simjian took out 200 patents, including the self-focusing camera, the TelePrompTer and early versions of the automatic teller machine. Some of his ideas are now in everyday use: others have yet to find anyone who wants them.

easily. There was considerable scepticism at first, for instance, about whether customers would be prepared to make finan-cial transactions with a hole-in-the-wall machine. Simijan registered 20 patents, and persuaded what is now Citicorp to give it a trial. After six months, the bank reported that there was little demand. "It seems the only people using the machines were a small number of prostitutes and gamblers who didn't want to deal with tellers face to face," wrote Simjian. Yet the automatic teller idea went on to make high street branches almost redundant.

Luther George Similan was born in Turkey of Armenian parents. When he was seven, his uncle brought a magic lantern from France, and the boy decided to make one for himself with a kerosene lamp and smoked glass slides. He studied how light bent through the bottom of

LUTHER SIMJIAN



Luther Simjian, inventor, died on October 23 aged 92. He was born

Acceptance does not always come

bottles and made his own lenses.

He moved to America at 15, finishing his education in New Haven, Connecticut. He originally intended to study medicine, but changed his mind after the medical school at Yale gave him a job in its photographic laboratory. As his uncle

might have predicted, he proved to be

adept with photographic technology.
In 1928 he was named director of the photography department at the medical school, and he soon developed way of projecting microscopic images and photographing specimens under water. This was followed in 1934 by a colour X-ray machine. He also invented a self-posing portrait camera, allowing the subject to look into a mirror and see exactly the picture that was about to be taken.

A variant of this was the "boudoir chair", with an adjustable mirror on the back (US patent 4.557,520), which enabled a woman to see all around her coiffure. Sitting on it, one could see a reflection of oneself: which gave Simjian the name for his company, Reflectone, which he began in his garage.

At the start of the Second World War. Simjian realised that America would be drawn in, and that aerial warfare would be critical. Accordingly, he invented the optical range estimation trainer", the first flight simulator of its kind. The simulator used a miniature plane, synchronised moving mirrors and controlled lighting to train aviators to identify enemy aircraft and determine their distance and speed. Reflectone sold more than 2,000 simulators, and Simjian also invented a flight speed indicator for aeroplanes.

Reflectone merged with the Universal Match Company in 1961, before regaining its independence only to be sold in 1996 to British Aerospace. Simjian was always more interested in

the science than in the business, but he formed two other companies, General Research and Command Automation, to help to capitalise on his other inventions, which included a remote-controlled postage meter, a meat tenderiser and an ultrasound device for use in hospitals. As a keen golfer, he also patented an indoor golf practice range during the 1960s, ising an analog computer to project the 'flight" of the ball.

One thing I discovered about myself in the early days of my life is that I can't stick with just one idea for too long," Similan wrote in his privately published Portions of Autobiography.

In March this year, Similan received his last patent, for a process to improve the resonance of wood used for musical instruments. He is survived by his wife, Gladys, and a daughter.

Church news

The Rev Gienn Martin, Senior Mental Health Chaplain. South-ern Derbyshire Mental Health The Rev Bob Rogers, Vicar, New Malton (York): to be Rural Dean of Trust (Derby): to be Chaplain, Community Health, Sheffield Bulmer and Malton (same The Rev Richard Seed, Vicar. The Rev John Nockels, Rector, Tadley St Peter (Winchester): to be Priest-in-Charge, Great Mass-ingham, Little Massingham, Harpley, Weasenham St Peter w

Boston Spa, and Priest-in-Charge, Clifford (York): to be Rural Dean of New Amsty (same diocese). The Rev David Sherwin, Vicar, Wheatley Park, and Assistant Adviser in Evangelism (Sheffield): to be Diocesan Adviser in Evangelism, remaining as Vicar, Wheatley Park (same diocese). The Rev Gordon Small, Team Vicar, Bucknall (Lichtield): to be sistant Curate, Deal St Leonard

Nicholas with special respon-sibility for St Richard's Mill Hill (Canterbury). The Rev Susan Spencer, Curate, Cotgrave (Southwell): to be half-time Priest-in-Charge. Rolleston, Piskerton, Morton and Upton, and Assistant Warden of Readers The Rev Robert Sturman, Priest-in-Charge, Abenigall w Mitchel-

w St Richard and Sholden St

dean (Gloucester): to be Rector, same benefice The Rev Matthew Thompson. Curate, Hulme (Manchester): to be Curate, Langley and Parkfield Team (same diocese).

The Rev Jonathan Tinker. Saddleworth St Chad (Man-chester): to be also Priest-in-Charge, Greenfield St Mary (same diocese). The Rev Nigel Williamson, Priest-

in-Charge, Nether Hoyland St Andrew (Sheffield): to be Vicar, Swinton (same diocese). Retirements & resignations Canon Geoff Bostock, Vicar, Bilham (Sheffield) to retire Novemher 30.

Canon John Browning, Chaplain, Community Health Sheffield NHS Trust (Sheifield): retired October 31. Canon Christopher Chanman. Priest-in-Charge, Loddon, Sisland w Hales and Heckingham (LEP), and Chedgrave, Hardley and

Loddon (Norwich) to retire as Rural Dean, January I, 1998. The Rev Gerald Downing, Vicar, Great Lever St Simon and St Jude (Manchester) retired September Canon Robin Fletcher, Vicar, Clif-

ton (York) to retire December 31. The Rev Avril Gaunt, formerly Assistant Curate, Farnham S Thomas-on-the-Bourne (Guildford) resigned August 31. Canon Stanley Holbrooke-Jones Rector, Poole St James w St Paul (Salisbury) retired October 31. The Rev Clifford Roseweir, Vicar,

West Croydon Christ Church, and Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark, to resign November Canon David Sansum, Vicar, Ashbourne St John the Baptist, and Ashbourne w Mappleton (Derby) to retire January 31, 1998, to be Canon Emeritus of Derby

Cathedral.

Other appoin Captain David Booker, CA, Diocesan Evangelist (Chelmsford): to be Children's Worker, Fulwood Christ Church (Sheffield).

PRINCE IMPERIAL'S DEATH. LOSS OF HIS TRAINED HORSE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir. - As there has been some discussion larely about the tragedy of the Prince Imperial's death, the following may be of some interest.

I was a cadet with him, and, as I sat next to him at dinner for over a year, I got to know him very well. On Saturdays he always rode home to Chislehurst, and, I believe, Count Clery, and usually one or two more, with a groom leading the Prince's horse, used to ride

over about 3 p.m. to fetch him and escort him home. One Saturday I was batting at the XI. net, then pitched on the turf near the front entrance gate, when the cavalcade arrived. I stopped batting and was admiring the Prince's horse when he passed me to go and mount. I remarked to him what a charming horse he had, and he stopped at once, seemed pleased, and said, "He is my charger and the horse i rode at Saarbruck. Now I will show you something, and he called to the groom to bring the horse into the grounds to us. The man did so, and when he got to us the Prince told him to let him loose, and then he said to me, "Now you come with me." He stroiled away, and I followed him some 30 yards. The horse, of course, had started trying to nibble

ON THIS DAY

November 24, 1913

经验的 fter France's defeat in the 1870 Franco-Prussian

War, the Emperor Napoleon III, his wife, Empress Eugènie, and their son the Prince Imperial, settled in Chislehurst. Kent. The prince became an observer of military operations in Zululand He was killed in an ambush in June 1879

some grass. The Prince stopped and, as far as I remember, gave some whistle or call. The horse looked up at once, cocked his ears, trotted up to us, and stood like a rock, and with one bound the Prince vaulted into the saddle, picked up his reins, and said to me. They teach us to do this in France, but you do not so teach us in your riding school, and you are wrong." He laughed, said good-bye, and rode

out of the gate to join his escort.

It was a beautiful little chestnut Arab horse, not more than 14.2 and obviously perfectly trained to come at once to a call and stand like a rock, to be vaulted on to. I believe the horse went to South Africa with him, and I heard

that it died of the tsesse fly only a few days before the tragedy. The last time I ever saw the Prince was at the top of St. James's-street. He saw me across the

street, rushed across - and incidentally was very nearly run over by a hansom-cab - came up to me quite breathless, and said, "I saw you and had to come to tell you the good news! I have just come from the War Office, and I have got my orders, and I sail for South Africa at once." I wished him all good luck and never dreamt I should never see him again. He was in the greatest spirits and overjoyed at the thought of going out. Though scarcely the figure of a horseman, he was a fine and bold

rider, and a very clever and plucky fellow, bon camarade with us all and greatly liked.

Though he lived in a house on the Common. he had rooms, too, in the Academy, and after dinner he often invited me to come to them, saying, "I will give you coffee and a cigar, if you will come, and we will have a talk."

used to ponder over things, but was very reticent in expressing his opinions; but he loved England, and would, I am sure, have been a good friend to us had he only lived. Yours faithfully,

Certainly he loved asking questions, and

ARTHUR CHAMBERS, late R.H.A. Hatfield Court, Leominster, Nov. 18,

Clinton pledges to help Asian allies

President Clinton yesterday guaranteed America's commitment to the troubled economies of Asia as the possible collapse of Yamaichi, one of the big four Tokyo brokers, threatened the biggest financial failure in Japan since the Second World War.

The board of Yamaichi was meeting last night to decide whether to cease trading. The Bank of Japan also met to thrash out a financial package to support investors who have deposited Y24 trillion (£1)0 billion) with YamaichiPage 1

Atlantic rowers slash record

The transatiantic rowers Phil Stubbs and Rob Hamill were celebrating victory in Barbados after making their crossing in just 41 days, 32 days fewer than the previous record. The New Zealand pair did not know that they had won the 3,000-mile race until sighting Port St Charles...

Brown stands firm

Gordon Brown will tomorrow try to quell demands for a softer approach to benefits reform with a warning that there can be no letup over spending or pay .. Page !

Crime stamped out A crackdown on cross-Channel

crime by police and ferry companies has led to offenders' passports being stamped to ban future travel. Bootlegging gangs are the ... Page !

Hague moves office William Hague is planning to

shift most of his private office out of the Commons to Tory headquarters in a move to improve party morale and strengthen his authority.....Page 2

Hutchence denial

The lawyer representing Paula Yates furiously denied reports that her lover, the rock star Michael Hutchence, had died when a sex game went wrong...... Page 3

Lost inheritance

The appointment of John Major as legal and financial protector to Princes William and Harry is unlikely to stop a large bulk of their inheritance passing to the Treasury..... Page 5

Plea for prisoners

The man charged with keeping Myra Hindley and Rosemary West captive has insisted that his inmates must keep "some hope ofPage 6

Stamp of approval

The British Library's new building, once said to be "as glamorous as a public lavatory" has won favour from usersPage 9

Ulster hot seat

There is one question Ulstermen all ask George Mitchell, chairman of the Stormont peace talks: why is he doing it?..... Page 10

Sitting on a fortune

A royal throne in the Cabinet Office is among an array of treasures that will be listed today in the Government's new version of the Domesday Book Page 11 Terrorist 'haven'

President Mubarak of Egypt condemned Britain for giving shelter to Islamic extremists, thus encouraging attacks such as the Luxor massacre..... Page 12

Family killers

The daughter of a Belgian clergyman has confessed to helping him to kill four relatives, including her two brothers, and to have murdered her mother Page 14

Asian turmoil Governments in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh are reeling as

political and financial turmoil grip southern Asia Page 15

Secrets of Xanadu

Chinese aerial archaeologists studying Xanadu, the summer palace of Kubla Khan, have found a main avenue Page 16

inventor says trike idea is patently his

A British inventor was astonished when he saw an idea for a powered tricycle that he conceived ten years ago claimed as a world first by Mercedes. Cliff Ingram drew up international patents but could not win backing for his covered tricycle designed to lean through corners. The Mercedes F300 Life-Jet, a two-seater trike, incorporates similar features Page 8



Military enthusiasts meet Captain H.N. Edwards, 103, a veteran of the Royal Tank Coaps, in Louverval, northern France, yesterday during celebrations to mark the eightiefit anniversary of the first tank battle, which took place there

Betting on Ritz: David and Frederick Barclay, the twins whose interests range from hotels to newspapers, will today apply for a casino licence in the name of Aidan, David's son, for the Ritz.... Page 52

Redland: Robert Napier, chief executive of Rediand, will leave the building materials group whatever the outcome of a El.6 billion hostile bid from Lafarge, its French rival. He is expected to receive compensation of about £700,000 Page 52

Clean fight: A battle of the superloos is set to break out in France next week as the country's richest advertising baron waits to hear whether he must accept competition from a British rival in the market for advertising space on the sides of public lavatories ... Page 52

Melvyn Bragg: "The Great Man theory of history is dead. So dodo is its state that even to muse on it is to be mocked."..... ... Page 20

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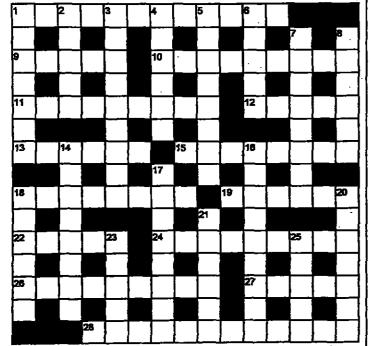
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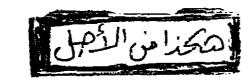
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Haaland turns in celebration after heading Leeds ahead against West Ham at Elland Road yesterday

THEY were giving away free Yorkie chocolate bars outside Elland Road before the match yesterday afternoon. At first, it seemed as though it might be a symbol of the strange new spirit of generosity that has afflicted Leeds United in recent games. Soon, though, it became apparent that it was just the binge before the

reimposition of the last. They have conceded six goals in the past two games, this team that is supposed to be a byword for parsimony in defence and restraint in attack, but yesterday, to the puzzlement of their manager, George Graham, Leeds began to revert to type with a win over West Ham United that took them to the heady heights of fourth place in the FA Carling Premiership.

Gone, it seemed, was the flair and the abandon that brought them back from three goals down against Derby County in their previous Premiership game and gave them a 4-3 win. We began writing obituaries for the old Leeds after that game, but yesterday, for that depressing first hour, it reappeared in all its spartan ugliness.

Leeds had created little if any danger and had not even produced a single shot on target until 15 minutes from the end, when they went on a scoring spree that yielded three goals, a brace from Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink and another from Alf Inge Haaland. It left West Ham staring into the evening gloom in disbelief. For the other 75 minutes, though, Leeds had been the models of defensive propriety, content to turn the game into the dourest of struggles.

Only when Frank Lampard scored a superb opening goal in the 64th minute did Leeds whip themselves into their attacking frenzy. So superior, so clinical were they when they cast caution aside that it almost seemed that they had been indulging in some sort of academic exercise until then, seeing how long they could keep the game locked in

Graham said afterwards: "It would be nice to have the answer to why we suddenly started going forward and playing positive foot-ball when we went 1-0 down. I would like us to have done that right from the start, but I think we were a bit apprehensive at the beginning and I was disappointed with their peformance overall.

"We have played a lot of very exciting games this year and, if you are a realist and not a dreamer, you



BY OLIVER HOLT POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

know that with those excellent games you are going to get a percentage of average games and some poor ones, too. If you have bad games, the trick is to make sure you get something out of them and we managed that today.

"Fourth place is much more than I expected at this time of the season. There are a lot of clubs doing well that you might not necessarily think would be up there, so nothing surprises me. But we are not kidding ourselves. We have got a

Liverpool lose faith Atkinson's triumph Hearts break out ... Pleat seeking mission

lot of improving to do and a lot of hard work. We are going to get knock-backs when we are building this team, but, so far, I am pleased with its progress."

Deprived of one of their chief creative influences, Harry Kewell, who scored Australia's goal in the World Cup qualifying play-off against Iran in Teheran on Saturday, Leeds looked lost when they tried to press forward in the first half. They spurned one excellent chance three minutes before the interval, when Hasselbaink

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headed over the bar from six yards out from Ribeiro's cross, but, that apart, they had hardly troubled the West Ham defence.

Five minutes after the break, Leeds had what appeared to be a legitimate claim for a penalty turned down when Unsworth brought down Wallace, but the referee, bored, perhaps, by the earlier balletic falls of Hasselbaink, turned away all the anguished appeals. After that, Leeds's day seemed as though it would be summed up by a cross-field pass from Hasselbaink that sailed ten feet over Bowyer's head and into touch without a bounce.

That impression increased when Lampard ran on to Hartson's fine header and swept a flashing rightfoot shot from 20 yards across Martyn and into the corner of the net. He ran over to the same corner as his father had made for after scoring in an FA Cup semi-final replay here 17 years ago and danced round the flag — just as Frank Sr had done. It was his fourth goal in two games after his hat-trick in the Coca-Cola Cup-tie against Walsall in midweek. "He is the sort of player we will build this club around." Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, said.

The goal transformed Leeds. Hasselbaink curled a right-foot shot round the defensive wall and in off a post for the equaliser. Three minutes from the end, Haaland put the home side ahead when he rose above Pearce to nod in Ribeiro's corner. Then, on the stroke of full time. Hasselbaink rubbed salt into the wounds by stooping to direct Robertson's cross past Martyn.

After the match, Redknapp was asked about the atmosphere in the away dressing-room. "It's terrific," he said bitterly, "the boys are all singing and dancing and looking forward to a long journey home. I thought we had it all sewn up. They were going nowhere and then we conceded a bad goal and that was it. If you come away from home and do not let them have a shot for 70 minutes, you cannot ask for much more than that." It was impossible not to feel sorry

for Redknapp, but Graham could tell him a thing or two about the flaw in his argument.

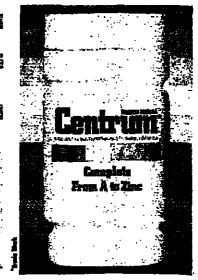
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Johnson receives ban

ENGLAND'S rugby union players will re-assemble in Richmond tomorrow reflecting on the lessons of defeat by New Zealand in Manchester on Saturday and the loss, for the encounter this Saturday with South Africa at Twickenham, of Martin Johnson (David Hands writes). The Leicester lock was suspended yesterday for one match after a punching incident with Justin Marshall, the All Blacks scrum

The incident happened early in the Old Trafford international and Johnson's own management made the decision to ban him. After viewing video evidence, Roger Uttley, the team manager, said: "We are very concerned that all our players are seen to be playing within the rules and laws of rugby football. It was considered that, in one particular incident, Martin transgressed." Johnson, 27 and capped 32 times, will be available for selection again when the return match with New Zealand is played at Twickenham on December 6.



TENNIS: FRENCHWOMAN TAKES ADVANTAGE TO REACH FINAL AFTER COMPATRIOT TIRES IN NEW YORK

Pierce responds to thrill of the chase

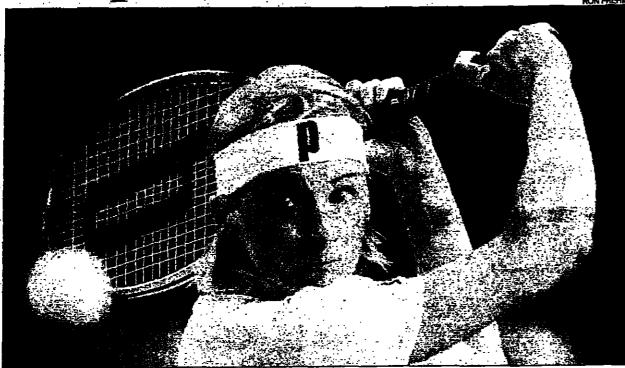
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MARY PIERCE has fond memories of Madison Square Garden. One of the most infuriatingly erratic players on the circuit - she won her first grand-slam title two years ago, but has done very little since - she has always done well at the end-of-year championships.

in the past, she has claimed the scalps of Martina Navratilova, Steff Graf and Gabriela Sabatini. Now, only Jana Novotna stands in the way of her first title in the famous arena here.

Pierce reached the final of the Chase Championships with a predictably twitchy three-sets win over Nathalie Tauziat, her French Fed Cup team-mate, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4. It was not a pretty encounter, with Pierce at times powerful and in control and, at others. paralysed by stage fright. Against a dogged campaigner such as Tauziat, it was never going to be a quick match.

Going through the full range of pre-point antics, Pierce was given a warning for time-wasting as she flexed the legs, bounced up and down, re-arranged the shoul-



Novotna, who stands in the way of Pierce securing victory in the Chase Championships for the first time

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ders and then thought about preparing to serve. Even she admits that she can be difficult on court and, when she watches the videos of her matches. she cringes at the theatrical

The overall effect, however, has been impressive this year. She was presented with the

Kardon, she feels she is back on track after two seasons plagued by injury and illness. Against Tauziat, Pierce comeback player-of-the-year

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award on Friday night and thundered through the first now, working with Craig set making the most of her haseline power, but Tauziat had other plans in the second. One of the few serve-andvolley players on the women's

tics just often enough to allow the doubts to creep into Pierce's fragile mind. But when it came to the crunch, Tauziat, 30, did not have enough left at the end of a long and successful season to polish off her opponent.

Novotna came through her semi-final with a little more ease, beating Irina Spirlea 7-6, 6-2. Spirlea, who in the early days was compared to Graf, is one of the unsung heroines of women's tennis. She broke into the top ten at the end of last year, stayed there furning hour this season, reaching the semi-finals of the US Open, and yet she is known only as the woman who bumped into Venus Williams at Flushing Meadows.

Not that it bothers her much. She only took up tennis by accident. Her parents insisted that she did something useful with her spare time and one day sent her to a violin lesson in the morning and a tennis lesson in the afternoon. She thought she could have more fun with a racket than a bow and decided to give tennis whirl Against Novotna, who thrives on indoor tennis. she was never given the oppor-

tunity to play her own tune.

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Sorenstam on course to maintain cash flow

E golf: Annika Sorenstam, of Sweden, had a third-round score of 67 to take a one-shot lead after three rounds of the LPGA Tour Championship in Las Vegas. Sorenstam began the day four shots behind Pat Hurst, the leader after two rounds, and got off to a slow start with eight straight pars. However, she had five birdies in the next six holes to move to the top of the leaderboard.

Sorenstam, the leader in the US LPGA money-list, was one shot in front of Kelly Robbins and Nancy Lopez, both of the United States. Robbins had a round of 69 and Lopez a 71. I don't walk down the fairway thinking 'money-list', but I know what it means." Sorenstam said. "It's on my mind." Eight players were within three shots of the lead, including Karrie Webb, of Australia, the defending champion.

Hammond deflated

E cyclo-cross: A puncture ruined Roger Hammond's chances of marking his return to domestic racing with a win in the London Open championship yesterday. The former world junior champion lost so much ground that Nick Craig was able to break clear on the demanding Addington Hills circuit. When Hammond did rejoin the chasing group, Craig was well away and won by 58sec from Nico Clarysse, of Belgium. Hammond had to settle for third place,

Mann is top woman

M BADMINTON: Julia Mann became the first English winner of the women's singles at the Scottish Open championship for seven years, winning in 18 minutes against Rebecca Pantaney, her compatriot, at Edinburgh yesterday (Richard Eaton writes). Mann. seeded No 2, won 11-3, 11-5 against the English No 11, who had produced the best win of her career by beating Kara Solmundson, of Canada, in the the semi-finals. In the men's final, Steffen Pandya, of England, was beaten by Tjitte Weistra, of Holland, 15-7, 9-15, 15-11.

Sharp shooter strikes

E SHOOTING: England continued to collect medals at the Commonwealth championships in Langkawi, Malaysia, where Becky Sharp. 17, the youngest member of the England team, has won two silver medals and a bronze. Sharp won her second silver medal with Louise Minett in omen's air rifle pairs, then took bronze with Louise Volpin, in the women's three position pairs.

Sethi breakthrough

BRLIARDS: Gee Sethi won the eighth world ranking tournament of his career but his first in Britain by defeating Roxion Chapman, of Peterborough, 698-293 in the final of the Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom championship at Preston yesterday (Phil Yates writes). Sethi, a hero in his native India after capturing the world professional title on home soil on three occasions, won a prize of £7,500.

Britons feel strain

E SQUASH: Simon Parke and Del Harris, of England, ran out of stamina when they were beaten in the first round of the Qatar International championship in Doha. Parke and Harris, who helped England to defend the world team championship in Malaysia last week, showed clear signs of the lingering effects of those efforts.

Struggle for Bray

the Petworth House professional, will meet in the final of The British Land British Open championship at Queen's Club tomorrow. Bray was kept on court for three hours in his semi-final before beating James Male in four sets.

Winners on the map

MORIENTEERING: Rob Lee, of Edinburgh Interlopers, and Sarah Pattinson, of Mar, won the Scottish League clite titles for the first time yesterday, despite finishing outside the top three in the final event of the season at Linn of

HOCKEY

five points clear at top

the 5-2 success putting them five points clear at the top of the women's National League. Clifton also fared well away from home, winning 3-0 win at Hightown to

lpswich struck first, Sarah Bamfield scoring with a snap-shot in the 21st minute. Slough opened up their game and were rewarded with goals either side of half-time from Julia Robertson, at a penalty corner, and Jane Smith.

lpswich were revived through Tracey Fry's equaliser in the 46th minute, but their hopes were short-lived. Sarah Kelleher, the Ireland international, recovered her blocked shot to beat Jo Thompson, the Ipswich goalkeeper, at the second attempt, before two late goals from Mandy Nicholls made the game safe.

Clifton wasted no time in setting up their victory, Denise Marston-Smith punishing a hesitant defence from the first penalty corner after three minutes. Clifton's spirit and organisation was further rewarded in the 48th minute, when Lucy Culliford finished off a slick passing movement. A penalty stroke by Marston-Smith's nine minutes later

position in the first division.
but Canterbury's 1-1 home
draw with Chelmsford
strengthened the position of Leicester, the leaders, who had an emphatic 5-1 victory

Cannock hit for six but remain top

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

CANNOCK, despite a 6-1 trouncing by Canterbury yes-terday, retained the premier division leadership of the National League, a point ahead of Southgate, Reading and East Grinstead. Canterbury hold fifth position.

Bobby Crutchley scored a consolation goal for Cannock in the 61st minute in answer to Canterbury's barrage of shots. Humphries each hit the target twice, with Mathews and Hacker chipping in from short corners.

Southgate lost 5-2 on their visit to Reading, their goals coming from Woods and Duthie, from short corners. Reading's goals were provided by Saunders, Slay, from a short corner, and Manpreet Kochar and were followed by two from Pearn in the sixtieth and 62nd minutes.

East Grinstead recorded a 3-0 home win against Beeston. with goals by Laird, Barnes from a short corner and Mills. Two mid-table teams battled for supremacy at Chigwell, where Old Loughtonians, the home side, emerged 4-3 victors over Teddington, transforming a 2-1 deficit into a 4-2 lead. Shrives, Morrison, from a short corner, Scott Smith and Lee scored for Old Loughtonians, with Conway finding the target twice for Teddington and Laslett reducing the home side's advantage two minutes before the end. Guildford lifted themselves

, off the bottom of the table with a 4-3 victory over Doncaster.

Slough move BY A CORRESPONDENT

GOOD travellers that they are, Slough achieved their expected victory at Ipswich,

completed the scoring.

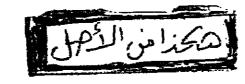
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Alan Lee on the Scot setting the pace in the RAC Rally in pursuit of the world title



McRae's hopes accelerated by blistering start

enjoy the intricate showpieces of the he was right. However, Colin McRae, returned to headquarters in the Network Q RAC Rally last night with his improbable dream alive and kicking, the roles in the world championship duel subtly altered. McRae leads after the first of three days and Tommi Makinen, weighed down by sickness and expectation, is the one hariging on.

Only a fool or a romantic legs of this rally still lie ahead, brought the first and most but McRae, forced to play profound drama of the day catch-up in this final event of The rally cannot be won on the year, can do no more than its first day but for the attack and he is thing it includes it can containly be tigerishly, 9sec ahead of the lost. Kenneth Eriksson iteld. Makinen lies sixth, the lowest placing that he can afford to claim the title if

McRae should win. If Cheltenham's trilbies and tweeds were already inclined to look askance at their first invasion of woollen-hatted anoraks, their suspicions were doubtless confirmed in the hour before dawn. On the roads outside the racecourse. whose sport is customarily staged at a more civilised hour, a panicky madness was threatening. With all ap-

proaches petititors bringing in their cars from the secure nightstops in the town obeyed instinct rather than highway code, driving up the wrong carriageway and even taking the racecourse roundabout anticlockwise to avoid the penalties of impunctuality.

queveing at 4am; thousands were there, shivering and would draw anything more squinting as McRae took an than optimism for the British early lead over Makinen be interest when the arduous fore the fourth car away McRae's Suharu team-mate. He was also seen as his guard, someone who might help to keep Makinen out of the top six. The team insurance theory lasted precisely 800 metres into the murk, whereupon Eriksson's engine gave a terminal splutter.

> exposed, their management The concern was not only for Eriksson, a popular Swede, who was left devastar-

McRae and his co-driver,

Nicky Grist, were instantly

ONETWORK Q Inside, fog was fast de-scending all but obliterating the view from the stands. The crowds that embrace this rally obsessively had begun LEADING POSITIONS

> ed. It was more that the electrical problem that so abruptly ended his rally might just be contagious might, indeed, be a repeat of the camshaft failures that eliminated both the leading

Subarus in Finland in Au-

Cheltenham's involvement,

pioneered by the constantly entrepreneurial managing director, Edward Gillespie, has not been unanimously applauded. Some horse racing trainers consider it little short of sacreligious that the mecca of their sport should endure such a conversion and the

travails of car No 83

would not have altered their

Even as the fog lifted, Jane Gunningham lost control, demolishing barriers and advertising boards before leaving a dark, spinning scar across the famous, manicured lawn directly below the royal box, in which the Cheltenham chairman, Lord Vestey, was break-

Yet the sceptics are in a tiny minority. Lord Vestey's guests uncomfortable, wearing what they had guessed to be correct rallying gear, but the atmo-sphere of a unique event won

YESTERDAY: LEG 1 --

TOMORROW: LEG 3 ---

Britain's biggest sporting event". They say it is watched annually by 2.5 million people, though as a negligible number have to register their attendance with hard cash it is not clear if this includes everyone who twitches their net curtains as the cars pass their homes. Cheltenham, though, did nothing to mock the claims. The stands were packed, every vantage point

McCrae led Makinen by osec after the initial stage round the asphalt and gravel mads of the racecourse and he was 8sec up after the next dash through Blenheim. Soon, Makinen had other problems, too. On the second of three stages at Silverstone, his Mitsubishi hit a tyre barrier and sustained panel damage. To make matters worse, the Finn - apparently McRae's charging victories in Italy and Australia — was

suffering with flu symptoms. On Saturday evening, as the odds against McRae were soberly surveyed, the words of his team manager. Dave Richards, had seemed no more than tub-thumping. Tommi," he said, "is the one with everything to lose. Colin has no pressure. He can only

The great claim of the be the hero." Early to be organisers is that theirs is confident, of course, but as the posse moved on to Millbrook, then back for an innovative Silverstone superstage, on which two cars drove head to head, Richards began to wear the look of a prophet. McRae and Makinen set off together, the Scot flashing his rival a relaxed grin before launching into the water-splash and increasing his lead by a

> needs to make even a McRae victory irrelevant, though, and, as the day drew to its end around Donington and on the reverse stage back at Cheltenham, he achieved it. McRae, who had traded pole position all day with Juha Kankkunen, was back in front, but his great rival was now clear sixth. 21sec adrift

"I haven't enjoyed today," McRae insisted. "I'd prefer it if this rally spent three days in the forests." Makinen, who pointed out the difficulty of being first car on such tight. slippery stages, would probably agree. For both, real rallying begins in Radnor Forest at sun-up today. The title will be decided in the wilds of Wales.

BASKETBALL

Wood reinforces Worthing mettle

By Nicholas Harling

THE scaremongers who have ma because his wife, Lisa, has seemed only too eager over the already been forced to fly back past week to publicise the to Salt Lake City. past week to publicise the demise of Worthing Bears have done little to dampen spirits on the South Coast. Not only were the Bears watched by a near-capacity crowd on Saturday, but Bob Wood, their new joint-owner, was adamant that the club will not close, even though Ryan Cuff is this week almost certain to become their second player to fly home to the United States, joining Shawn Swords and the coach, Chris Jones, who

have already left. Everyone is predicting a nicture of doom and gloom, w But it's not like that at all." Wood said after the Bears '98-80 home defeat by Manchester

"The world is full of basket-

ball players. I've had seven faxes today from people wanting to play for us. We've still got a pretty darn good team here and that team is not going to fold. The rumour mill has gone berserk. I've been

patient until now, but I'm just about to lose that." Wood and Christian Hamilton have taken over as coowners from Greg Pullerion, whose assets have been frozen by the Inland Revenue, leavling the club precariously short of funds. Cuff, one of the most exciting new American guards in the Budweiser League this season, is not desperate to join

the exodus, but is in a dilem-

Cuff has left the apartment on the promenade that the couple shared, moving in with other players, all of whom are receiving less than half their

original salaries.
"I wish I could stay," he said, "but I've still got to have discussions and take care of some personal things. At the moment, we're all hanging on making the best of it."

Normally a prolific scorer from the back court. Coff was clearly below his best on Saturday. Displaying his usual panache, he opened the scoring with a three-pointer, but was benched after two senseless fouls; after which he added only two more threepointers, finishing with 11 points Ryan Williams, who is sharing the coaching with the club's long-term assistant coach, Neil McElduff, collected 25 points, two lewer than Robert Churchwell's matchwinning contribution for the

Giants. The score was almost the same at Crystal Palace, where Newcastle Eagles won 97-80 with the help of 22 points from Liam McGee. Palace made the running in the early stages, but an 11-0 burst from the Eagles in the final quarter put the game out of their reach.

Leopards and Birmingham Bullets, meanwhile, both seem to have booked themselves a place in the quarterfinals of the Uni-ball Trophy after wins over Thames Valley Tigers and Watford Royals on

SNOOKER

Hamilton reeled in by Hendry

ANTHONY HAMILTON, still searching in vain for his first quarter-final in a world ranking event after making Il unsuccessful appearances in the last 16, again played the role of nearly-man when he lost 98 to Stephen Hendry in a memorable fourth-round encounter at the Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom championship at Preston Guild Hall on Saturday

night. Yet, when Hamilton led 8-5 and later 68-0 in the sixteenth frame, Hendry's hopes of extending his winning se-quence in the event to 21 matches and lifting the trophy for a fourth year in succession had all but disappeared. . Hendry then exhibited his

renowned steel under pressure to supplement the lengthy list of fightbacks in which he has been involved. However, and since he recovered from 84 down to edge Dean Reynolds in the last 32 of the 1994 staging, has he reserved such escapology for the United Kingdom

"I knew I'd lose when it went 8-8 because my head went." Hamilton said. "The pressure got to me. Stephen is the greatest player in the history of the game and to beat him just once is something you'll take to your death

Favoured so heavily by momentum, it was no surprise that Hendry convincingly won the deciding frame to caro a reprieve and a quarterfinal against Alan McManus or Jason Prince.

SAILING

Krantz applies finishing touch after flying start

FROM EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

IN FREMANTLE

Africa in eighth place, never tooked back. She built a 200-

300 mile lead and despite

feeling "hounded" as they rode

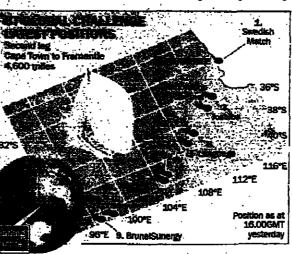
IT WILL go down as one of the greatest "flyers" in yacht racing history and yesterday it paid its final dividend when the elegant Swedish Match ghosted across the finish line here to record a resounding victory in the second leg of the Whitbread Round the World

It was a victory more or less sealed just two hours after the start in Cape Town 15 days ago, when Gunnar Krantz, the skipper, and his No 2, Erle Williams, broke all their own rules and tacked off to the west to find an offshore breeze while the remainder of the fleet floundered in calms in the

lee of the Cape Peninsula. From then on, Swedish Match, which suffered an equivalent dose of bad luck in the first leg, when she was left behind on the very first night and finally reached South

successive low-pressure systerns through the Southern Ocean, Krantz and his crew were good enough to hold on. As they arrived yesterday, Kvaerner Innovation was around 200 miles astern in second place, with Toshiba another 100 miles further back

in third. For Krantz, this was the perfect answer to his critics after his poor showing on the way to Cape Town. He has never denied that there was an element of luck in his tactics at the start, but it is to his credit that he had the courage to go for a risky and potentially



"Looking back, we can see clear milestones on the leg where we did good," he said. "We had lots of luck at times when the weather gods looked after us in critical situations. One such was when we were racing south to escape the high pressure system moving in south of Africa at the beginning of the leg. I am sure we are talking about a couple of

ruinous option and to make it

hours difference from being magic to being tragic."

Swedish Match's performance, which propels her to fourth position overall, underlines the importance of not breaking gear, but it also emphasises that the key to winning in this race has so far heen less to do with boat speed than with routing and tactics. In so closely matched a fleet. the smallest tactical variations have produced enormous con-

trasts in fortunes. Among those left to dwell on that for the past week has been Chris Dalton, on Merit Cup, who has had to come to terms with the shock of finding himself dumped in seventh place. Yet he was big enough to congratulate Krantz.

What is impressive is that they have been able to pick themselves up from an even bigger disaster in the first leg than we are having and come back fighting. This to me is their true strength and is a model for us for our next leg," he said.

"We are just going through the motions. If that sounds defeatist, it's not, just the reality of this situation where you get no prizes for breaking the boat now."

Keep our opinions to yourself.

It's all very well to say share and share alike, but in all honesty wouldn't you prefer to enjoy at leisure your own copy of the Times Educational Supplement? The FE Facus section, in particular, really does deserve much more than a rushed flick through in the staffroom. So for opinions worth taking the time to listen to, buy your own copy, take it home and keep it to yourself. **FEFOCUS**

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RUGBY UNION: SELECTORS IN THE DARK AS AUSTRALIA SPARKLE AT LAST

Scottish power in urgent need of positive charge

By Mark Souster

THE Scotland management team will wince tonight as they sift through the debris of this shambolic performance, trying to select a side to face South Africa on December 6. They will do so in the knowledge that the world champions took France apart on Saturday, while at Murravfield Scotland succumbed in the second half with a performance that plumbed new depths of inepti-

They may consider wholesale changes, but the fact remains that there are no quick fixes. Having

o Scot enjoys what they call a right gubbing.

which explained the

banks of unsold seats at a

withdrawn and learful Murr-

ayfield. Even Flower of Scotland

one about fighting and dying for

country, shortly before the home

defence laid down its arms and

waved through the virtuoso Ste-phen Larkham for a second time.

Union kidding with its giveaway

pie vouchers? The game was no

easier to stomach on free meat

phine, perhaps. Only those with

steel nerves need apply for tickets

for the South Africa game on

Saturday week, while Scotland's

only crumb of comfort is that they

have at least been spared a visit

their faces were as hopelessly out-

dated with their Skippy taunts as

their enfeebled team was in

trying to counter the running style of the new-age Australians.

Winged heels, which stayed

grounded in Argentina and were

slow off the mark against Eng-

land last week, and again in the

first half on Saturday, finally

Those brave enough to show

by New Zealand.

Who was the Scottish Rugby

tude. They were exposed as second-rate and ordinary —

which was all the more galling as

Australia were often little better.

tions: wholesale improvement is what is needed. Doddie Weir may be fit to be considered and Rob Wainwright may have to bring forward his return after injury, but they alone will make little. difference. There are far more fundamental problems facing

Large sections of a crowd of 45,000 were leaving in droves well before the end, adding to the funereal atmosphere within the stadium. Even with Jim Telfer and Ian McGeechan enjoying a more hands-on role in support of Richie Dixon and David Johnston. Scotland were disorganised and witless, while the concerns about the ability of the front five to withstand Australia's aggressive scrummaging proved well

Without a modicum of stability. Nicol and Townsend were unable to establish any measure of

Humble pie served cold

Christopher Irvine

finds a lack of

nourishment on the

Murrayfield menu

er, New Zealand, Australia and

South Africa have demonstrated

that, for all its tradition, the five

nations' championship is no more influential in the global

professional era than a backyard

scrap. Scotland's problem is that

they can sell the games in which

they stand a chance of winning,

but not the ones when the words

well be printed on the tickets.

"guaranteed slaughter" may as

Southern Hemisphere 3 was the

most predictable score on Satur-

day. The arguments about fitter.

more skilled, athletic, powerful

and pacier players crosses both

rugby codes. A shortage of good

raw material is not confined to

Neither are the creaking com-

petitive structures going to bring

an improvement. In Scotland's

case, the absence of a few key

individuals meant the difference

rugby league.

their collective forelock. Togeth- tive and hopelessly outplayed.

Northern Hemisphere 0



Larkham: unheralded

figure, unsure and uncertain. Surrounded by the cream of the British Isles in South Africa, Townsend shone. In a Scottish context, it is time to move him away from fly half.

Dixon criticised the team's decision-making and, by implication,

At Old Trafford, Murrayfield and Parc des Princes, the theme

was broadly similar. The gap is

widening, which Tim Horan, the

Australia centre, again put down to the elitist influence of the

Super 12 competition. "It's like

playing II Test matches in a row and the standard lifts each year,"

he said. "The pace is so high that

when it comes to Test level, you

naturally run the ball and pick up

the pace of the game, which

There were moments when

James Craig, the so-called great

white hope on the wing, must

have wished that the ground

could have swallowed him up

and others and that left Gregor

Townsend — who should audi-

tion for the job of Tiller girl, so

great was his urge to kick high -

wanting to grase his 26th interna-

tional appearance from his mem-

ory. Even a shoveller of the ball at

fly half would at least service

Scotland's threequarters, of

whom Alan Tait showed the right

Of course, it is Scotland's

rerogative to fail miserably be-

fore Christmas and cause eye-

brows to raise in the new year.

The question is, do Scotland

settle for second-nation status?

produces a lot of points."

second half." However, he is adamant that Scotland must continue their attempts to develop a more fluid style and not retreat into a shell merely for expediency. Equally unhappy was James

Craig, making his debut on the right wing, who understandably looked overawed by the whole occasion. His defensive naivety was repeatedly exposed and, given that Scotland were in retreat for so long, the only opportunity that he had to show his pace was when he raced back to deny Elton Flatley a try.

Both sides scored tries in an

error-strewn and emminently forgettable first half. Scotland's came after a clever break by Tait, who provided Craig with his one chance in the match. He was bundled into touch but, from the lineout, Foley missed Eales by a mile and Scott Murray, once he had got over his surprise, flopped over the line.

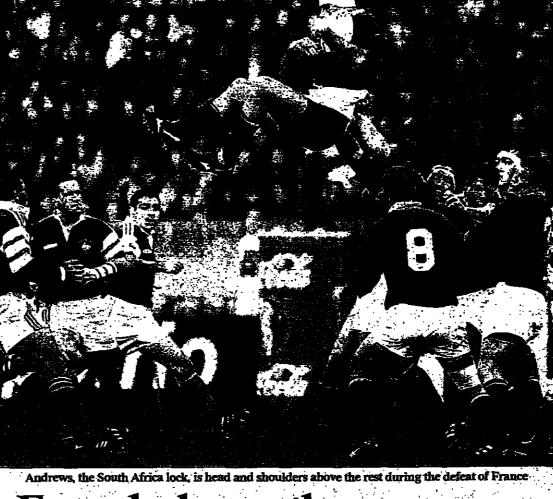
The lead always appeared fragile and, in injury time, after five successive scrums on the Scots' line, Australia equalised, Roff rounding off a stirring backline move. The second half was all about Stephen Larkham, the least heralded of Australia's vaunted back three. First, he collected Tait's intended chip for Craig and ran and dribbled his way 70 metres to the line, then he weaved his way 40 metres through an incredulous defence after Nicol's clearance kick missed touch.

It was left to Dixon to face the music. "South Africa will be a very, very hard proposition, but at least some of the new guys have been in a fire now," he said. The trouble is, they were scalded.

SCORERS: Scotland: Try: Murray (30min). Penalty goal: Hodge (27). Australia: Tries: Larkham 2 (43, 58). Roff (39). Gregan (64). Othengeue (80). Conversions: Eales 3. Penalty goals: Eales 2 (11, 41). SCORING SEQUENCE (Scotland Brst): 0-3, 3-3, 8-3, 8-8 (half-time), 8-15, 8-18, 8-25, 6-30, 4-27

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SCOTLAND: D W Hodge (Watsonians): J M Craig (Mest of Scotland), A G Stanger (Heavidorer: C M Chairmers, Metrose, 74), A V Talt (Newcastle), K M Logan (Waspo): G P J Townsend (Northampton), A D Nool (Bathcaptain); D I W Hilton (Bathr, rep: M J Stawart, Northampton: rep: G Graham, Newcastle, 63), S Campball (Durclee HSFP), S Murray (Bed-lord), A Roeburgh (Kelso; rep: S Grimes, Watsonians, 40), I R Smith (Moseley, rep: Grimes, 23-31), E W Peters (Bath), A LSTRALIA: S Larkham (ACT); B N Tune (Queensland), T J Horan (Queensland), P W Howard (ACT), J W Roff (ACT); E Fistley (Queensland), G M Greigen (ACT); R L L Harry (NSW), M A Foley (Queensland), A T Blades (Queensland), Captain), O Finegan (ACT), B J Robinson (ACT), and D J Wilson Queensland, 40, W



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French doors thrown open by South African stampede

South Africa ... FROM BARNEY SPENDER IN PARIS

THE Parc des Princes, which gives way to the new Stade de France as the headquarters of French rugby, has seen many great matches since France first entertained Scotland there in 1973, but it is doubtful, even in the halcyon days of Rives, Blanco and Sella, that it ever saw a performance quite as dazzling as the one that South Africa reserved for the farewell to the ground on Saturday.

The world champions, who won the first international 36-32 the week before in Lyons, clinched the twomatch series with a mesmerising display of fluid, breathtaking rugby far removed from the unimaginative stuff that they threw at the British Isles and the All Blacks earlier this year. They ran in seven tries, four of them by Pieter Rossouw, the left wing, and

won over a notoriously partisan crowd to the extent that, when Henry Honiball went over for the final time, each pass in a glorious build-up was When Paddy O'Brien, the referee, mus, the vigorous young flanker,

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blew the final whistle, the crowd stood as one to applaud the Springboks' lap of honour.

Pierre Villepreux, the France assistant coach, reckoned it was the best South Africa performance in living memory and Thierry Lacroix, the fly half, spoke of the shame of bidding farewell to the Parc with a record defeat. "I was not proud to be French today. It hurt so much I actually cried at the end of the game," he said. Nick Mallett, the South Africa coach, said: "Please don't expect to see that every

Everything went right for the Springboks. The front five squeezed the life out of the French and the back row overshadowed their opponents to such an extent that Laurent Cabannes was substituted at halftime. Behind the scrum, Werner Swanepoel looked confident as he tried to fill the boots of Joost van der Westhuizen, who tore a groin muscle in Lyons, and Honiball continued to

The fun started in the opening minute, when André Snyman capitalised on a searing counterattack by Percy Montgomery and sliced through the France midfield.

Maso and charged the length of the field before offloading to Rossouw.

Tremendous pressure in the period before the break brought further tries in quick succession for Gary Teichmann and Rossouw and the match was all but over at 28-3 at halftime. Any thoughts the French may have had of a comeback were quickly forgotten as Rossouw, a strong, lanky runner, completed his day's work with two more tries to equal the Springbok record of four in a match, set by Chester Williams in the last World Cup.

France got some consolation close to the end, but the standing ovation was due only to the Springboks. England beware.

SCORERS France: Try: Banez (?/2min). Conver-sion: Lamaison. Renelly goal: Lamaison (10) South Africa: Trise: Snyman (1), Rossouw 4 (15, 35, 43, 55). Teichmann (33), Horibell (80). Conversions: Horibell 7. Penally goal: Horibell (71). SCORING SSOUBNCE (France Inst): 0-7, 3-7, 3-14, 3-21, 3-28 (nall-time), 3-35, 3-42, 3-45, 10-45, 10-52. RBANCE: LL Sackyman Thiorytik man L. Indexed.

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SOUTH AFRICA: P Montgomery; J Smell, A Snyme R Moir, P Rossouw (rep: J de Beer, 80); H Honbell, Swanesoel; O du Ranck, J Dalton, A Gervey,

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Newbury gain handsome victory

Newbury...

By GERALD DAVIES

THIS was a turn up for the book. London Welsh are riding high at the top of the first division of the Jewson National League. Until Saturday, they were unbeaten. They make no bones about their ambitions to be part of the Allied Dunbar Premiership.

Newbury feel the same, but, languishing in mid-table, they are not so sanguine. This, according to Keith Richardson, their coach, is not a true reflection of their ability. A couple of hiccups at home against Worcester and Leeds have cost them dear, but this handsome and deserved away victory, scoring four tries to two, will do a great deal to

London Welsh had gone 13 matches without losing before this defeat, their first of the

presented them with problems over the weekend. To maintain such a sequence can, quietly and psychologically, assume more importance than the overall objective; priorities can get distorted, attitudes unnecessarily tense. A team

can grow nervous, especially one like London Welsh, who have been starved of success in the past decade. On the other hand, this defeat could restore a proper perspective. Clive Griffiths. their coach, agreed with the proposition — except he would

they were to lose, they had done so away from home and not at Old Deer Park. At any rate, they were taken by surprise. Newbury did look better than their position suggests, which deception might

Newbury played close to

also have diverted the home team's attention; they were not quite as keyed-up as they

have much preferred that, if

presented an obvious strength in their strategy. Both Davis and Wakfer were capable of playing to their strengths, with Davis scoring a couple of tries and a smart dropped London Welsh looked un-

living near the offside line

comfortable from an inauspicious beginning. The visiting team drove insistently to their line and was rewarded with a fine try by Osman within five

London Welsh had the better of the rest of the half, with Shaw a wonderful runner from full back, but, in ignoring penalty chances at goal to run the ball instead, they made matters difficult for

Giraud did get a try for Welsh, but it took them 20 minutes to do so, briefly taking the lead before Grecian kicked two penalties and Davis kicked his dropped goal to give Newbury the half-time penalty for London Welsh. For all their brave attempts, which have brought them so

much success this season,

London Welsh got nowhere against the more direct methods of Newbury. Tries by Davis and Johnson extended the visiting team's lead and if the Welsh did manage a penalty try, it was Newbury who had the last word, when Davis, charging down a kick, got the final score

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NEWBURY: M Gracien; B Johnson, R Carren, T Cemen, T Hotowey, M Devis, S Walder, S Stewart, J Brammer (rep: N Jemes, 9). N Collins, C Hed, A Duke, J Kingdon, A Dawling, C Davies.

Worcester revelling in wealth of opportunity

Worcester..

By MICHAEL AYLWIN THE fixture between two of

the leading teams in the Jewson National League first division this may have been, but the yawning gap in the standards of living that separate rugby's nouveau riche from those less affluent was painfully apparent on Saturday as Worcester ran ten tries past a seemingly disinterested Reading team.

Reading recently lost the ine pace and efficiency. support of their sponsor, who had been investing £110,000 a season in the club, and, after an impressive start to the campaign, they have now slumped to their third consec-utive league defeat.

Worcester punished the home team's apathy with the precision and ruthlessness of the wealthy capitalist. Mistakes were seized upon mercilessly and the consequent avalanche of tries, bearing in mind Reading's pedigree, bordered on the unbelievable. Victory took Worcester,

position in the race for promotion into the Allied Dunbar Premiership. On this evidence, they seem to have the ammunition to succeed. They boast 12 full-time professionals, many with first-class experience, a director of rugby called Les Cusworth and the substantial backing of Cecil Duckworth and a £1.3 million

National Lottery grant. On the field, such affluence translates into a muscular and athletic pack of forwards that works in dynamic concert with a back division of genu-

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Stapleton and Swift lead Athletic romp Bedford Athletic

Wolverhampton,.....7

By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

PLAYERS surplus to Frank Warren's professional requirements moving club from down-town Bedford seemed a logical reason for Bedford Athletic's unbeaten advance in Midlands II this season and their 173-0 pasting of Oxford Harlequins in the third round of the NPI. Cup, but, as Wolverhampton found in this fourth-round tie at Pumoe

Yes, the Ath do have in their ranks a number of players once on Bedford's . books, but only Ian Skingsley. the club captain, who is injured at present anyway, was near to being a regular in the club's national league side when the money men moved. in and it was a recruit from one of the town's more junior outfits, Darren Stapleton, aid-

ed by the efforts of a life-long

'Athlete", Mike Swift, who

Wood on Saturday, few con-

clusions could be further from

in a match of non-stop action and high skill. Wolverhampton were un-

lucky to find Stapleton and Swift on top of their game for, away from set-pieces, they played with a pace and precision that belies their lowly position in Midlands I, but Stapleton, armed with a scrum half's hands and pace to complement his all-round expernise as a hooker, was at breakdowns virtually before they occurred and made deci-

seemingly every touch. A try wide on the left by Simon Middleton and one by John Egan, directly from the scrummage caused by a poor restart, each converted by Ashley Tapper, an Oxford Blue in 1991, swiftly gave Athletic the control that their fluid play thrives on.

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Paul Godsail, Tapper and Middleton added to the tally before half-time, Stapleton, Mike Curry, Swift and Tommy Gray did so afterwards and an interception score by Tony Kemp immediately after the break provided Wolverhampton with their only

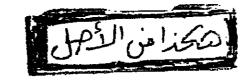
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Spirited and skilful performance reduces all-conquering All Blacks to ranks of mere mortals

England emerge from the shadows Lomu supplies

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

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IF THE first meeting between England and New Zealand proved an appetising dish, the second will be positively mouthwatering. It is no disrespect to the holders of the World Cup, South Africa, to suggest that a clear formight of build-up to Twickenham on December 6, when the All Blacks conclude their tour, would, after the turnult of Old Trafford on Saturday, have the entire game in England

Instead, England must prepare for the game on Satur-day against the Springhoks. who arrived yesterday in tri-umph from France, without Martin Johnson, the man who led the British Isles to a series win in South Africa, while Wales take their turn in trying to hold New Zealand at Wern-



ENGLAND'S AUTUMN **CHALLENGE**

bley. At least we will know how far England can raise fortnight, given that they have already elevated their standards beyond belief in the brief span between drawing with Australia last week and losing to New Zealand on

The trap into which Clive Woodward will not allow his players to fall is that of thinking that defeat by 17 points was some kind of a victory. England played a game of heart-warming pas-sion — meat and drink to the crowd of 55,243, who made the Rugby Football Union's venture into the North West for the Lloyds/TSB-international such a success — and with no was in making the All-Blacks had been dragged to one side look, on occasions, distinctly of the field. on that knowledge.
So will New Zealand. John

Hart, their coach, suggested at their errors played Eng-land into the game, but mistakes seldom accrue unless players are under pressure — and the All Blacks were. Part of their method is the mythology that surrounds them and England's young team have seen, at first hand, that they can be as human as the next

player, that, if the first-time tackles are made, if the setpieces hold, if the ball is humed in numbers, then opportunities arise.

These were areas of substantial improvement after the grey draw with Australia and it will have hurt Woodward that he had to suspend Johnson after offering tributes to the work done by the lock and his Leicester colleagues, Richard Cockerill and Darren Garforth, in shoring up the set-pieces. A solid scrum allowed Bracken and his back row precious freedom and the confidence derived from that could be seen in the closing minutes as England ram-paged close to the New Zea-land line.

All this on a day when Mike Catt fired three penalty at-tempts, all within 20 metres of the posts, wide or at the woodwork. It is to his credit. then, that he shook that off and created the try that England did score midway through the second half. His delightful diagonal kick was seized by Austin Healey and his pass infield fell to Phil de Glanville, a thoroughly deserving try-scorer.

It is a moot point whether

one regards England's policy over penalties as a success. Kickable goals were turned kickanie goals were named into lineouts in the New Zealand 22 in pursuit of the tries that England seek so desperately, and that was before Catt had proved that he was having an off-day. Woodward has great belief in his lineout as an attacking his lineout as an attacking platform, but the fact remains that, against the all-enveloping black blanket, it procured no points. The strategy, though, reflects a positive attitude, as did the introduction for the second half of Back and, later, Healey in an at-

tempt to generate more pace. Yet everything that England had said about New Zealand's ability to punish mistakes came true: 12 points in a fiveminute spell during the first quarter effectively decided the game. Catt's diagonal was plucked out of the air by Jonah Lomu, who beat his way past David Rees and De Glanville, established the ruck and Wilson plucked out Zinzan Brooke's skip pass to send little skill. Only once, though, lock, Robin. Brooke, then re-could they break New Zealand down. Where they did succeed son, after England's, defence turned the compliment to Wil-

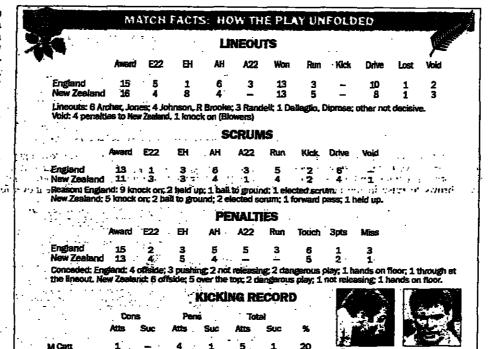
> Zealand claim to have imposed their own tempo on the game. They might have received a penalty try as their forwards made England suffer on their own line, though it was in that same period that Randell scored from a fivemetre scrum, At 3-22, England were looking down the barrel of a substantial defeat, but their own defence held firm.



Back, the England replacement flanker, struggles to contain the marauding Lomu at Old Trafford on Saturday

their opponents and, when a young player like Rees can enthuse so wholeheartedly about the pleasures of confronting Lomu, the All Black cloud may truly have a silver

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Rob Hughes rejoices in the return of a colossus to the international stage

f the comeback of Jonah Lomu is not yet up to speed, heaven help England when, as the All Blacks management promises, he returns fitter, faster and stronger for the second international on Saturday

Lomu's magnetic power. drawing four of England's finest, opened up the Old Trafford field for the first try in the thirteenth minute, a score from which England did not recover. It doesn't take a student of the game, merely of life, to appreciate the extraordinary achievement of the man, not in sporting terms alone, but as an example of human triumph after a year confronting gruelling treat-ment for a kidney disease.

The cure anacks a man's mental as well as physical state and, back in Auckland, a hemisphere away. Lomu's Tongan parents, Semisi and Hepi, watched their convalescent son come back into the world's television eye. To us, he is a colossus; to them, he is a baby, thrilled to bits to run on the left wing where Ryan Giggs, Jonah's own hero, can be so swift and

Sport is such a compelling cameo of life that the international on Saturday stripped Lomu down to the bare nerve before fulfilling him. Twice, his oppo-nent, David Rees,

rushed him with audacious courage: twice, Lomu spilled the ball. The crowed roared, Lomu smiled. He is 22, no longer the feel-nothing, fear-nothing teenager whose 6ft 5in, 18st 8lb hulk terrorised rugby's hard men.

Rees, genuinely a student, of graphic design in Manchester, conceded five stones but threw himself into tackles with the relish of a warrior. Rees's temerity was far more rousing than Martin Johnson's cowardly punch, or the two shaven-headed bookers doing to the hake what pitbulls do to lamposts. "It was a tremendous experience, playing against him," Rees said. "He [Lornu] is such a powerful player. I love my tackling, I thoroughly enjoyed it and it was nice to see the ball spill, wonderful to hear

The thirteenth minute brought pain, not pleasure. Lomu was tested over his head by Mike Catt's kick, but caught the ball, turned and

skipped past Rees with a hint of the acceleration that once clocked 10.8sec for 100 metres. Rees, and then Phil de Glanville, who was brushed aside with a hand in the chest. were dabs of defiance to Lomu on the move; two more tackles came in eventually grounding the big man. But the ball was free, England were stretched, and Jones

scored in the far corner. Lomu's smile was as gentle as his force was harsh. His violence in fending off men was the acceptable side of sport, a world away from the street killers who, in his youth decapitated Jonah's uncle and cut the wrists of a cousin. And when, in the second half, he ran with Dallaglio and John-son clinging like lead weights. hauling their combined 35 stones with him, the ball like a pebble in his massive hand, the mightiest All Black looked anything but a man still taking his medicine.

"It's not about size," he said admiring Rees's challenges, "it's about heart." Indeed, it is. It was Tania, his young wife, who gave him the heart to come back when the doctors

were unsure and together with 'His smile Christian Cullen, whose surges uplift the soul, and Jeff Wilson, quickgentle as silver on the right, there could never his force have been such a counter-attacking was harsh' force in rugby. Their pace and

handling is priceless and, for all the trumpeting of England's bold spirit, it is a fact that New Zealand won by their greatest margin on English turf. Lomu, content and ready for the next match, soon retreated to his Walkman. John Hart, his coach, spoke of working to eradicate the All Black errors, and working Jonah Lomu to regain all that was taken from him. "Delighted with his start," the coach said, "but you're going to see some improvement in

the next couple of weeks." As he spoke, and the All Blacks filed past, almost sheepish at not squashing England, the strident strains of triumphalism resounded around Old Trafford. It had been an eye-opening, uplifting experiment, taking rugby north. This is part of our Land of Hope, but the Glory went to New Zealand and, for reasons beyond sport, the human achievement was embodied in one very big convalescent. by

Johnson banned for Springboks match

MARTIN JOHNSON, who led the British Isles to a series victory over South Africa during the summer, will miss England's meeting with the Springboks at Twickenham on Saturday after being suspended by his own management. Johnson was given a one-match ban after punching Justin Marshall, the New Zealand captain, in the seventh minute of the international at Old Trafford.

John Hart, the All Blacks coach, was incensed by what he described as an "act of thuggery" by Johnson. Both team managements discussed the incident on Saturday night, watched video

be haka may well form part of New Zealand's cultural heritage, but, given the

confrontational element it exudes, it

Blacks coach, expressed his surprise at England's "disrespectful" atti-

tude to the hake at Old Trafford, but

it was not the first time teams

the ritual, chanting dance that precedes every New Zealand match.

have chosen their own reaction to

It needs only a short memory

danced their way into stolid op-

popents' faces without criticism.

from their own management. On

Saturday, Richard Cockerill and

chose to go nose to nose, which occa-

Peter Marshall, the referee, after a

There is no law that governs what teams facing the haka should

do. Tradition demands that they

line up on halfway while the Ali

enge, as do the South Sea islanders

from Fiji, Tonga and Western

Samoa: "All we ask is that they re-

spect our culture." Hart said, but

Blacks fling down their chall-

Norman Hewitt, the hookers,

sioned a word of caution from

push here and there. Disrespect

was not intended.

to recall New Zealanders who have

is no surprise when those on the receiving end proffer a challenge of their own. John Hart, the All

evidence and agreed on the punishment. It will leave Johnson free to play in the second meeting with New Zealand, at Twickenham on December

New Zealand would have cited Johnson for the offence, which carries a 30-day suspension, had England chosen to take no action. "I have spoken to Martin, who has fully accepted responsibility ... and he will be making a full apology to Justin Marshall, Clive Woodward, the Eng-land coach, said yesterday. "I would like to add my own words of regret over this incident, which has no place in English or international rugby." Johnson has been involved in punch-

his team a try against Argentina last was part of a Lions team that set outstanding standards of discipline in South Africa, but the new England management is keen to demonstrate that no individual is above the game's

At one stage, the New Zealand management feared Marshall's jaw might have been broken and the scrum half's hearing was disturbed for much

of the game.
"I had made a tackle, the ball became available and I had my back turned to England when I received a blow on the head," Marshall said. players or the match officials and Marshall was able to play on.

Hart said: "I take a very strong stand on dirty play and we have had very few incidents during my two years as coach to this group." Roger Unley, the England manager, said: "These guys are role models for youngsters and they know that they have high standards to live up to."

England will announce their team to play South Africa on Wednesday, after the match in Bristol tomorrow between an English Rugby Partnership XV and the All Blacks, but it is probable that Johnson's place will go to Danny



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David Hands examines New Zealand's complaints at a lack of respect shown during their traditional haka

Cultural clash fuels head-on confrontation



Cockerill and Hewitt, the opposing hookers, stand nose to nose

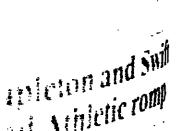
the haka is also, in its way, a psychological weapon and few would complain if England chose, in Australasian parlance, to "front up" "It's not meant to be intimidating," Justin Marshall, the All Blacks

captain on Sameday, said, "it's just part of our culture, something we do. Clearly, he has never been faced by the substantial figure of Jonah Lomo or Valaiga Tuigamala in full cry during the

haka, which concludes with a leap into the air that, performed by a off 5in player, can have at the least an unsettling effect.

Willie Anderson's Ireland t**eam of** 1989 <u>linked</u> arms and made a gradual advance on Wayne Shelford's team during the haka at Lansdowne Road; David Campese, during the World Cup semi-final at the same ground in 1991 between Australia and New Zealand, took himself off to the far end of the ground and kicked a ball around while the challenge was roared out. Others have retreated to their own 22 to observe at a distance — and, if that is their wish. who should blame them? The All Blacks were also faint-

ly surprised at England's return to the pitch at the end of the match. believing there to be nothing worth celebrating in defeat. In fact, it was the home side's tribute to the crowd, a gesture of thanks to Manchester and the North West for giving both teams so memorable a day. "The atmosphere was brilliant," Clive Woodward, the Eng-land coach, said. "We are looking forward to returning to Twickenham, it's our home ground, but I would love to see Twickenham as Old Trafford was."



Isome victor

O'Neill's touchline theatricals steal show





LEICESTER CITY 0 **BOLTON WANDERERS 0** By Keith Pike

IT WAS a performance of vivid imagination and admirable stamina, an afternoon on which the passion of the British game left onlookers breathless. The match? Sterile and predictable. Martin O'Neill? Worth the admission money on his own.

To see the Leicester City manager cavorting on the touchline, arms whirling like some demented traffic cop, and to hear his voice hellowing above the din was to witness the frustrations of football management reach such an intensity that you feared for his sanity. Tackling imaginary opponents, taking imaginary shots and pursu-ing a linesman 20 yards while waving an imaginary flag. O'Neill worked himself into a real enough

Colin Todd was clearly in-censed too and when both managers are in finger-wagging mode it is plain that something is amiss. Graham Barber and his assistants indeed had an undistinguished match, spotting everything trivial but missing too many moments that mattered, including a valid penalty appeal by Leicester three minutes from time, when Whitlow handled Wilson's cross, and a crude, studs-up challenge on Thompson by Lennon that went unpunished.

O'Neill admitted that, by the end, he had "lost the plot". His volatility by now replaced with that dazzling smile and infectious good humour, he contented himself with saying that "it was not one of Graham's best games". But then his real concern, of course, is not with officials at all. Leicester may be sixth in the FA Carling Premiership, their supporters hop-ing for another European adventure, but O'Neill knows that survival remains the priority and is by no means certain.

Plenty of people scoffed last season, too, when O'Neill, his team in mid-table and focused on Wembley, suggested that relegation was a threat, yet it was only a late goal that guaranteed their safety. This game on Saturday confirmed that Leicester, again, have neither the pace nor the spontaneity needed to unlock a disciplined defence, that there is really little to choose between them and sides such as Bolton, who are favourites to figure in the relegation scrap.

i am long enough in the Premiership to know that there is only Manchester United and Arsenal, and a few of the big sides, who can actually take their eye off the ball for a week or two and know that they will get it right, because they have loads of experience and, inevitably, very good players," O'Neill conceded, "We can't treat any team lightly, even the likes of Bolton, who are near the bottom of the league." The result at Anfield proved that he would "again have to keep an eye on the foot of the table".

With £6 million to O'Neill is desperate to add some attacking brio to a team high on work-rate, low on inspiration. Had Marshall or Izzet converted either of the two clear-cut chances that Leicester created, victory would merely have disguised their limita-tions: had Blake, the perennial waster of opportunities, not hit the side netting from eight yards. Bolton could have capped a display that rightly delighted Todd for its commitment. Either way. this was a match all too easily

LECESTER CITY (3-5-2) K Keiler — S Pror, M Ebort, S Walch — P Kaamark, M Izzel N Lennon, G Perher (sub S Wilcon, Borner), S Guppy — S Clandgo (sub G Ferton &), I Marchail BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2) K Bransgun — G

Barnsley capitalise on confidence crisis afflicting Anfield

Liverpool's faith beyond belief



LIVERPOOL 0 **BARNSLEY 1** By Matt Dickinson

ONE day, Liverpool will really surprise everyone and start looking like champions. Until then and that moment seems further away than ever - results like this will shock very few, least of all those dispirited souls on Mersey-

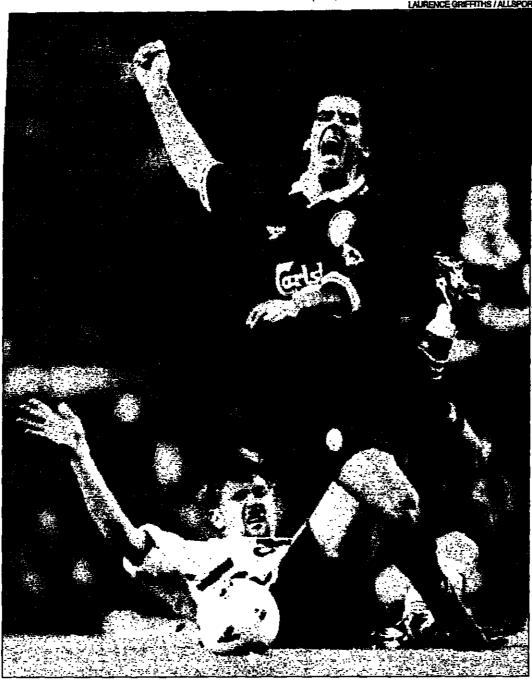
Certainly the supporters who trudged disconsolately out of Anfield on Saturday, pausing briefly to jeer their team from the pitch, greeted this defeat exactly as they did the news that Manchester United were rampaging further ahead at the top of the FA Carling Premiership — with a shrug of resignation. There was a novelty value about Barnsley taking the lead after 35 minutes, but by the end it had given way to a collective sense of impending doom. "We were lucky." Danny Wilson, the Barnsley manager, said, but he was being kind.

Asked in the week to predict a one-sided rout, one member of the Liverpool camp claimed: "You never know with us." At least he was being honest, but if those within the confines of Anfield are not confident of beating a stricken team languishing at the foot of the

table, they can hardly expect anyone else to have faith. "Where do you start?" Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager. pondered when asked to explain the defeat. He was not the only one at a loss. The problems besetting realm of regular football analysis and into complex psychology.

How else can one start to fathom how they lost to a Barnsley team who played well, if only by their own standards, and who had been beaten in their last five FA Carling Premiership games away from home and conceded 40 goals at an average of almost three per match

The absence of Robbie Fowler



A run by Riedle, who scorned several chances for Liverpool, is brought to a painful conclusion

and Paul Ince, both suspended, was little excuse. While Fowler would surely not have squandered as many chances as Karlheinz Riedle, and Patrik Berger and Oyvind Leonhardsen, combined, could not compensate for the loss of Ince's dynamism, this defeat

absent players. It was down to a whether they ever will. "It was the game we should have won." It would have been refreshing,

at least, to have seen a Liverpool player losing his temper, grabbing the game by the scruff of the neck and trying to alter the destiny of the afternoon. Yet no one appeared

Evans said, but they never deserved to, despite the number of opportunities that came their way. Riedle, who spent most of the afternoon falling over, was the worst culprit, shooting over the

Leese, who led a charmed life in the Barnsley goal, in the second. Even the Barnsley winner was self-inflicted by Liverpool David

James, with an excellent save, did well to force Liddell wide, but he squared the ball back towards the penalty spot, where it hit the shin of Berger, for whom nothing went right all afternoon, and fell straight into Ward's path for a simple linish. It was a goal the Barnsley striker deserved for an afternoon of tireless endeavour after a month on the sidelines with viral meningitis.

For Wilson, whose outburst after their defeat at Southampton had clearly shaken life into his side, this was a triumph to be savoured, even if it was largely aided by Liverpool's inept display. The players knew their last perfornance would not be tolerated and today they showed how profession-al they are," he said. None more so than Peter Markstedt, the centre half, who made a towering debut after £825,000 transfer from

With Adrian Moses following Steve McManaman's every move, Liverpool laboured to break down Barnsley's defence and it was not until the appearance of Danny Murphy, with less than half an hour to go, that they really began to find openings. The England Under-21 international, signed from Crewe Alexandra in the summer, has had to be patient, making just four appearances before Saturday, but he deserves to retain his place, on this showing.

"We're staying oop," the travelling supporters sang and they will face Leeds United next week with their confidence revived and suddenly feeling as if this is a campaign to be relished. For Liverpool, though, who now face Arsenal at Highbury and then Manchester United at home, time is running out. At least with such daunting opponents they should have little trouble motivating themselves, but their failure to do so against Barnsley on Saturday will haunt them for months to

LIVERPOOL, (4-4-2): D James — J McAsser, S T Kverme, D Matteo, S I Bjornebye (sub: D Murphy, 65min) — S McManeman, J Redmapp, P Berger, O Leonhardsen — M Overn, K Radie BARNSLEY (4-4-2): L Lesse — N Eaden, A de Zeeuw, P Marlesedt, D Barnard — M Bullock, E Tinkler, N Redfeam, A Moses — A Liddel (sub: M Appleby, 68), A Ward (sub: J Hendie, ea.

For Newcastle, this was a fitting

farewell to Sir John Hall, who

retires as their chairman at the end

of the month. Nobody received a

greater ovation all afternoon, not even Barnes. If Southampton ap-

peared to have a bit part in this, it

was not so at the start, when

Davies scored his tenth goal in 15

matches with a purposeful run into

the penalty area and a controlled

He must now be worth consider-

ably more than the £650,000 that

Southampton spent to acquire him

from Chesterfield in the summer.

Kevin is learning his trade and we

are looking for a little bit more

from him, but he will be a force at

Strachan's week ends on lowest of notes





DERBY COUNTY 3 COVENTRY CITY 1 By Richard Hobson

WHEN Harold Wilson talked about a week being a long time in politics, he meant that fortunes can alter violently within a relatively short period. There is a more pessimistic way of interpreting this. An awful lot can go wrong in seven days, as Gordon Strachan, the Coventry City manager, has

Open his diary. Last Monday, het lost Roger Spry, the Coventry, fitness coach, to FC Porto. Elimination nation from the Coca-Cola Cup followed at Highbury on Tuesday and, three days later Alex Miller, his assistant manager, left to take charge of Aberdeen. As if defeat to Derby County provided insufficients and Sectoral three his cient woe on Saturday, then his comments about David Elleray, the referee, may also prompt a disrepute charge from the Football Association

Strachan went into the referee's room at half-time to ask about a possible handball in the build-up to the third Derby goal. "I was gobsmacked by his reply," Strachan said. "He made a flippant remark and it must have astonished him, too, because he then locked the door and tried to retract what he said. I have had referees lock me out before, but

"It must be time for full-time referees. I would love to be a parttime manager as well as an accountant and do it as a hobby at the weekend. Referees can be flippant because it is a hobby to them. It is a vehicle to be a celebrity." As he left the press conference. Strachan said of Elleray, a housemaster at Harrow School: "He can go back and tell the schoolchildren he had a good laugh at the weekend." Elleray declined to comment and, accord ing to a Derby steward, was escorted from the ground to his car via a side exit

Somehow, the heavy mist seemed an appropriate backdrop to a game sprinkled with menace. Nine players were booked for foul Premiership fixture since April, yet Elleray set his standard in taking the name of Hall for clattering into Kozluk and remained consistent. Jim Smith, the Derby manager, resembled a wise owl rather than bald eagle when he said that least Elleray had made decisions rather than abdicating his duty.

Then again, Smith could afford to be in a lighter mood than his counterpart. Victory lifted his side into fifth place - and Derby are not there by accident. Baiano and Eranio have added quality to a workmanlike bunch, and Wanchope is striking the fear of God into defenders at present.

Baiano scored his ninth league goal of the season when he punished a poor clearing header by Breen with a left-foot shot after two minutes and Eranio converted a penalty in the 28th minute after Baiano had been bundled over by Burrows. Ten minutes later, Baiano slipped a pass through a square defence and Wanchope lifted it over the advancing Ogrizovic.

Evidence from Elland Road a fortnight earlier suggested that Derby are at their most vulnerable when three goals ahead. Huckerby, shooting under Poom in the seventieth minute, posed problems, especially after Laursen was injured in a challenge by McAllister, but, while Derby lost their shape and poise at the back, they still had too much in hand.

DERBY COUNTY (3-4-1-2): M Poom — J Lursen (sub: D Powel, 68min), G Rowen, C Daily — R Kochk, S Esmin, L Carley, C Powel — F Beismo (sub: J Hurt, 87) — P Wanchope, D Standog COVENTRY (317): 44-2): S Ogrook — R Misson, R Shaw, G Breen, D Burnow — P Teller.

Newcastle find Barnes the finished article



NEWCASTLE UNITED 2 SOUTHAMPTON 1 By Ivo Tennant

THE encyclopaedic knowledge of football that Kenny Dalglish possesses is such that he had not even a momentary doubt about asking John Barnes to fulfil, in his 35th year, the most exacting of all roles. For three successive matches, the former Liverpool captain has carried Newcastle United's attack and proved a worthy heir to a noble tradition.

The Newcastle manager, troubled by injuries to Shearer. Asprilla and Rush, had recalled a match in the mid-1980s in which Barnes played brilliantly as a centre for-ward for Watford. Their opponents that day were Liverpool and Dalglish had seen enough. Here was a winger who was potentially an exceptional footballer and a

versatile one, too. On Saturday, with Tomasson positioned just behind him and Gillespie providing any number of scored twice. The first was, for someone of his ability, a straight-forward, left-foot shot when the ball rebounded fortuitously off a



Barnes, the scorer of both Newcastle goals, beats Jones, but this effort was disallowed for offside

was also the match-winner. There were 14 minutes remaining when Gillespie curled another centre in front of the Southampton central defenders. It was swerving, seemingly, too far behind Barnes, but he twisted in his jump and timed his angled header to perfec-

in at left back if Kenny asked him. post, but the second was classy. It "I am no Alan Shearer and I have not played up front for a while, although i did at times with Liverpool. I was not an out-and-out target man, but I would support Ian Rush, Peter Beardsley or John Aldridge. I also remember playing against them for Watford in a 4-3 tion. The praise that Dalglish defeat."

meted out was based on an example and an approach that he felt had been exemplary down the the upshot was a stunning volleyed They have known each other too The idea with Barnes is that he is long for Barnes to refer to his not expected to chase passes played into space - he is too old for that manager as anything so cliched as "the gaffer". He would, he said, fill

a more bludgeoning way.

A month ago, Dalglish utilised Gillespie as his lone forward and against Blackburn Rovers. but that he will control the ball what a performer he still is.

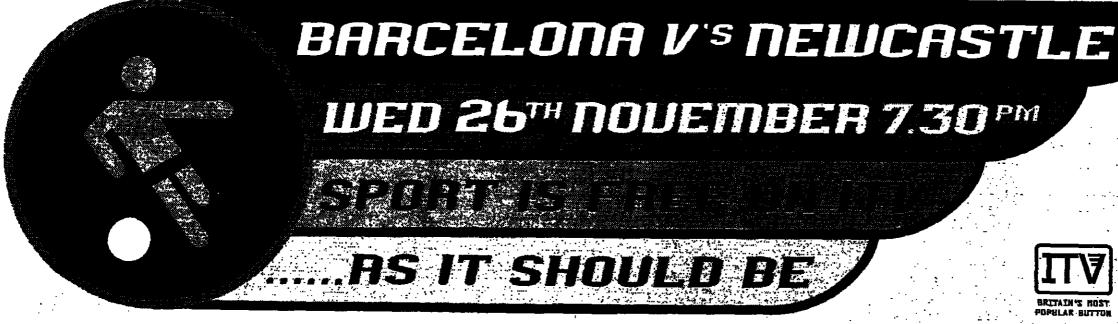
deftly until supported from midfield. Midway through the second half, he withdrew behind Tomasson, Ketsbaia taking his place in

Given that Asprilla is not yet deemed lit enough to be given a match for the first time since October 1, the likelihood is that Barnes will continue as the main striker against Barcelona in the European Cup Champions' League this week. Come January, which is the latest projected month for Shearer's return, he will be glad, no doubt, to fall back into midfield. Whatever, he had shown again

this level," David Jones, his manager, said, overlooking the fact that, with a record like this, he is already. In one sense, Southampton were fortunate not to be beaten more easily. Lundekvam, normally the most stylish of defenders, pulled Tomasson's shirt towards the end of the first half when he was clear

of his markers and converging on the penalty area. Dermot Gallagher, the referee, proved more tolerant than some of his ilk and chose not to send him off. If nothing else. Newcastle's victory was more satisfying as a consequence of having been hard-

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Wednesday manager sparkles on return to the coal face



Back in his natural habitat on the touchline, Afkinson summoned some of the old magic to conjure an unlikely victory against championship-chasing Arsenal

club officials, Ron Atkinson looked like a triumphant president after an election, come to make his victory address. There time. Inside, though, Mr Bojangles was dancing. Atkinson was not born to be

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pushed upstairs as a director of football at Coventry City, trolling around the lower leagues and half-empty stadiums searching for curprice players. Big Ron was made for the big time, for big matches, grand gestures and dramatic moments and, after his days in the wilderness he got his fix at

Hillsborough on Saturday. The bitterness that had marked his departure for Aston Villa six years ago seemed to have been completely forgotten. The Yorkshire Post had posters up in the streets around the ground hilling his first match back in charge as One of the fanzines welcomed back the "Kine of Glam" and honoured his arrival by renaming 1997 as

Year Zero. Another featured a big cartoon of him as a ventriloquist on its back page. "I shall now attempt to spend £10 million while drinking a glass of champagne," he was saying. Under his arm, the Wednesday chairman, David Richards, disguised as his dummy, mouthed the words "I love you" at his

And so it was that the great entertainer, one of the last of the showman managers, having masterminded the surprise 2-0 win that moved Wednesday out of the PA Carling Premiership relegation zone and east further doubt on the durability of Arsenal's championship aspirations, took his place behind a cluster of microphones and began to perform.

Atkinson descends was a wide, perma-grin on his face, but even so it looked as though he was just ambling towards his first press conference back in the big

Someone, forgetting the uproari-ous mood, forgetting that now Atkinson is back at the Yorkshire club some supporters are already convinced that the sky is the limit, opined that the situation at the bottom of the table had tightened up with Barnsley's equally surpris

ing win at Liverpool.

Big Ron sat for a moment, sipping the tea that had been brought for him instead of the white wine he had requested. He smiled and put his finger to his lips as though he were pondering.
"Man United have won haven't they," he said. There were nods of assent "Bastards," he said. "What about Blackburn, how have they

On the form they showed on Saturday, in front of their biggest crowd of the season. Wednesday



SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 2 ARSENAL 0

> By Oliver Holt Football Correspondent

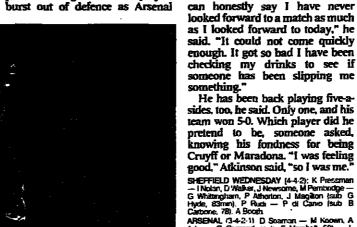
will not be troubling the leaders season. Arsenal, missing Petit and Bergkamp and Vieira because of injury, were woeful. Wright a shadow of the striker who burst out of the gates in

pursuit of Cliff Bastin's record at the start of the season.

They gifted Wednesday the crucial opening goal four minutes before half-time. Grimandi, with time and space, tried to play a firsttime ball across goal, but Booth ran on to it and dispatched it confidently through Seaman's legs. "We had not troubled Seaman at all for most of the first half," Atkinson said. "That was our

plan, to try to get him to doze off." The fare improved in the second half and, after a couple of scrapes, notably when Winterburn's deflected shot shaved the wrong side of a post, Wednesday finished things off with the best move of the

Petter Rudi, the impressive, composed Norwegian midfield player.



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Ferguson takes time to play his trump card

axiomatically. know far more about football than mere jour-

nalists. but sometimes their decisions are bewildering. Why, for instance, did it take so long for

Alex Ferguson. of Manchester David Beckham on the field? When he did arrive in the second half, he promptly scored and was instrumental in another goal, when his shot hit Vinnie Jones to be cruelly deflected past Neil Sullivan, Probably the straw that broke the camel's

As for Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, who was possibly deterred from attending the postmatch press conference by the baying fans still in the stadium, his decision to play Neal Ardley in central midfield and leave Robbic Earle and the promising new Norwegian, Staale Solbakken, on the bench until so late was equally puzzling. Ardley scored a welltaken goal, but he has always. essentially, been a hard-working

At least Ferguson gave us an explanation, of a sort. There were hard games ahead, he told us. especially against Liverpool, and is Norwegian defender. Ronny Johnsen, was short of match practice. So Johnsen was deployed in central midfield, where, though he broke forward now and then, he largely looked a fish — or a defender — out of water.

When Beckham arrived, the wheels truly began to go round and, as Ferguson said, Wimbledon on their own ground are a difficult team to play. One against whom you can ill afford, surely, to omit your main men.

Indeed, Ferguson admitted generously that Wimbledon could have been two, even four goals up by half-time. They certainly created several chances, while United, in this period, made none.

Johnsen is no creator; Scholes, just about to begin what Ferguson whimsically called "a three-week holiday" — meaning suspension was curiously restrained until the interval.

Time and again, in that first half, the lanky, highly-promising young Cort seemed likely to score for Wimbledon. He put a header just wide of the left-hand post and had a powerful drive from the left knocked down by Schmeichel. Before that, the United goalkeeper had beaten down a long shot by Ceri Hughes, while his best save of

lively Michael Hughes, nodded through by Cort and Gayle.

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WIMBLEDON 2 MANCHESTER UNITED 5 By Brian Glanville

> break. Ryan Giggs's inspired short, through-pass bisected the home defence and Nicky Butt drove the hall into the left-hand corner. This seemed a travesty of what had gone before and Wimbledon did not repine. Michael Hughes and Cort had shots blocked; then

changed three minutes after the

Beckham came on and it was 2-0. Scholes, far more adventurous now, made progress on the left and his centre flew across the goal where Beckham popped up to bang It was to Wimbledon's credit that

they promptly hit back with two goals. The first followed almost immediately. After an appeal for hands against Pallister, the ball eventually ran out of United's box, where Ardley thumped it wide of Schmeichel.

Three minutes later. United's defence - criticised for its display by Ferguson — was surprisingly beaten by a long ball from Perry and Michael Hughes coolly equalised.

Then came what may have been the watershed. Just five minutes later, Beckham, Wimbledon's nemesis, scorer of last season's amazing long-range goal, shot from a dis-tance, though not as great a one. In off Jones went the ball and United

Now Andy Cole took wing. First, when Sheringham laid the ball off to him, he found Scholes, who back-heeled home. Then, when Sullivan had saved his first - a powerful right footer - Cole pro ceeded to beat him with an equally fierce left-footed shot.

To rub salt into Wimbledon's wounds, hundreds of their fans stayed behind to chant: We'll never go to Dublin", as Wimbledon yet again are rumoured to be contemplating. It was a bit much, though, to assail Sam Hammam, the man who saved the club and boldly confronted them, as

"Judas". WIMBLEDON (4-4-2) N Sulliven — K Cumming-ham, D Blackwell, C Perry, B Thatcher — M Hughes, N Avdley (sub R Earle, 84mn), C Hughes (sub Sobbatken, 84), V Jones (sub A Clarke, 84) — C Cort, M Gayle

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Cole celebrates with Giggs after scoring United's fifth goal yesterday

Everton find little comfort in retracing those familiar steps

BLUE-shirted, they sat and moaned. "Is it any coincidence that Huddersfield are unbeaten in six games since Barry Horne went there? I don't think so." "That Joe Parkinson, we miss him, really, he was the best ball-winner we've had in years, better than that Ince."

Gradually, the cafe filled up — more blue shirts — and the conversation died away. Silent and sullen, they stared at their mugs of tea or idly flicked through newspapers, not even objecting when the woman behind the counter ventured out and picked up a tabloid that one fan was about to read.

"Don't worry love, here's the telly section as well if you want it." It was an admission of defeat and the kick-off at Villa Park, looming around the corner, was still more than an hour and half away. Perhaps those Everton support-

ers knew that Saturday was going to be a bad day, that the trip down the M6, never much fun at the best of times, simply heralded a worse afternoon. If they did, they were not wrong. By tea-time, their club was rooted to the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership and the radio was giving bleak warnings of long delays at Stafford and Cannock.

Howard Kendall is an Everton man. He played in their stylish side of the Sixties and Seventies, won a championship, then won two more, plus cups, as their manager in the Eighties. He is in his third spell at the helm - and he looked desper-

ately sad on Saturday evening. He tried to sound defiant — You have to put it in perspective. We



ASTON VILLA 2 EVERTON 1 By Peter Robinson

will get better and we will win games. There is a long way to go" - but it was hardly tub-thumping stuff. Realistically, Kendall has a big job on his hands and, being a realist, he knows it. He was asked if Everton are in a false position. To paraphrase somewhat, the answer was, basically, no.

Indeed, he went further. "In three of the last four seasons, Everton have gone into the last week of the season under the threat of relegation. It gets to the players who have been here for that time and who have had nothing but battles against relegation. They probably think it has started again already." Which, probably, it has.

Last season. Sunderland were relegated after collecting 40 points and Coventry City, with 41, would have joined them but for Middlesbrough's three-point penalty for taking a sickie. This season is only five games short of its halfway mark and Everton have 12. There are lies, damned lies and statistics, but it is bleak reading all the same.

Nor does it look any better on the pitch. Everton scored an early goal, a Speed penalty after Stuart was felled, but never looked capable of keeping Villa from equalising, at worst. After Milosevic had spent half an hour missing as much as he could, he finally turned in Collymore's flick from a Staunton corner. Ehiogu launched himself at another Staunton corner for the winner after the break.

And, like all struggling teams, Everton had no luck. Ehiogu's handball inside the penalty area was overlooked and Barmby's late "equaliser" was ruled out for a marginal offside. Collymore also had an effort disallowed for offside, but nobody could dispute that decision - Milosevic the offender, predictably. Villa drew some encouragement

from the win before their Uefa Cuptie in Romania tomorrow, but Steaua Bucharest will present far tougher opposition. They should be wary. Everton visit Chelsea on Wednesday. They have not won away from home for 11 months. You could say don't bet on them doing it at Stamford Bridge, but then Barnsley won at Anfield on Saturday and they were 9-1 outsiders. That result was some consolation, perhaps, for that trip back to

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TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR CRYSTAL PALACE Today, 8.0



Oliver Holt After waving his Tube ticket, quoting the Spurs motto, raising his voice to emphasise crucial points and gener-

ally saying all the right things, Christian Gross, the new manager of Tottenham Hotspur, will take charge of his first game at White Hart Lane tonight. A London derby against Crys-

tal Palace might not be the most auspicious of occasions, but anything other than a victory will leave Tottenham ever more vulnerable to sinking into the relegation zone.

Even without Attilio Lombardo, Palace have continued to impress and are likely to be bolstered further by their latest Italian acquisition, Michele Padovano, the forward signed from Juventus for £1.6 million.

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around Gullit's Chelsea. Sky Sports 1, 8pm. PREDICTION: Draw.

homespun Hodgson methods ON TELEVISION on Saturday

morning, Ron Atkinson could barely contain himself when asked about foreign coaches. "It's fash-ionable, but I'll tell you this," he spluttered, "it will be a British coach who wins the Premiership." At Ewood Park four hours later

pressed for the equaliser and laid the ball out to Carbone, who had just come on as a substitute. Carbone squared the ball first time

to Whittingham, who wrong-foot-

ed Seaman and placed it into the

Atkinson acknowledged after-

wards that his first priority was to finish the season "exactly where we

are tonight", out of trouble, safe in

the Premiership. Saturday night was not a time for the intrusion of reality or contemplation of the long hard winter that lies ahead. It

was a time, instead, for indulging

the idea of a manager with the

Atkinson, again, did not disap-

point. He suggested that he was

looking for such a high degree of

commitment from his players that

any who blocked a shot or a pass

with their backsides would be

fined. "I want to see them being hit

in the face or in the cobblers," he

said. That is the level of determ-

Most of the all, though, Atkin-

son, 58, warmed the hearts of those

around him by admitting how

he had missed the day-to-day

involvement that he thrives on. "I

ination I expect."

the point was eloquently reinforced by Roy Hodgson, the Blackburn Rovers manager. There is a lot of guff talked about foreign coaches and Alan Sugar seems to have fallen for it, but Hodgson, an oldfashioned Englishman, for all his continental experience, out-foxed Ruud Gullit, his exotic Chelsea counterpart.

"It was a very English contest," Hodgson said afterwards. "It must have been a remarkable game for an outsider, difficult to comprehend in the sense that there was very little time on the ball because both teams closed down so quickly."

We never discovered whether Gullit did understand what developed before him, because he cleared off straight after the match, without even the courtesy of a single word. Mind you, Hodgson was quite prepared to talk enough for everyone.

He was still at it beyond 6pm, explaining a philosophy that has transformed Rovers into genuine championship contenders without anybody realising it. He was also prepared to undermine — a little the mystique that has built up

Walking into the press room after a game that his side had won



BLACKBURN ROVERS 1 CHELSEA 0

By David Maddock

Blackburn proving merits of

comfortably enough, he noted a lot of unfamiliar faces. "Blimey, we'll have to play Chelsea more often if it gets all the national media to come to Blackburn," he smiled. "There is a big turn-out. Are Chelsea that good?" Later, when asked if the visitors

had been unlucky because Zola had woefully wasted three opportunities to tie the match, he responded with some venom, "We played well enough not to have to apologise for victory, they missed three chances, we missed five or six. There were long periods when we were clearly better."

Perhaps because his experience on the continent acts as a shield, Hodgson is not afraid to adopt a British approach. Where other English coaches confuse even themselves with systems that the players cannot grasp, Hodgson has applied traditional values in a modern manner.

Rovers won this match through a single goal from Gary Croft. his first for the club. It came after ten

minutes when, from 20 yards, he viciously returned an attempted Lebocul clearance with some interest. Yet their control for much of the remainder of the contest was borne of effort and strength throughout

In Gallacher and Sherwood, Blackburn have a creative cutting edge - but they are also a very fit and physically imposing side, as Chelsea found to their cost. It was a theme which Tim Flowers, the Blackburn goalkeeper, took up afterwards.

'We have only lost once this season and whoever is going to beat us will have to be really up for ir," he said. "The manager knows we have our limitations, but we are fit — we work all day.

"The manager has not taken any nonsense from anyone. Right from the start, we have trained morning and afternoon. In fact, the lads were praying for the clocks to go back, so we could go home when it was dark at 3.30pm, but he still sends us running in the dark we've got luminous hats,"

It would be easy for Chelsea to hide behind Zola's missed chances, but the simple truth is that, once again, they have played well and lost - and many people seem to have forgotten that Gullit is still a novice when it comes to

management.

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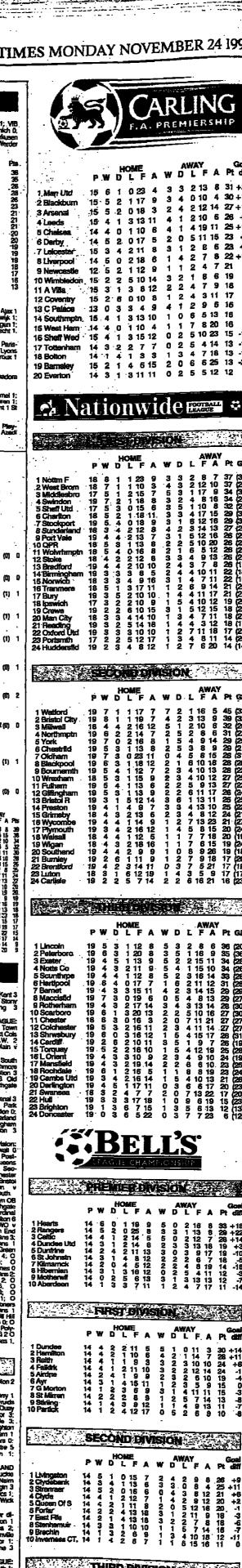
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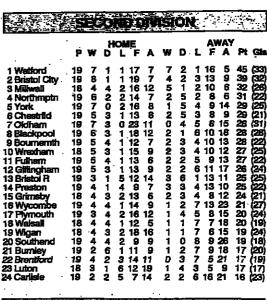
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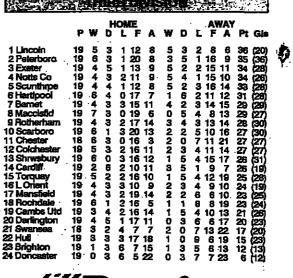
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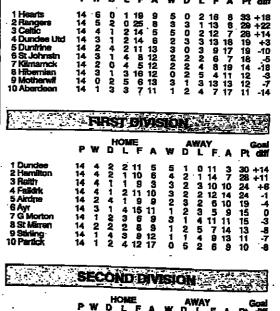
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idings of Motherwell's equaliser in the 11 draw Motherwell's day, Heart of Midlothian opened with Rangers on Saturday were met by Celtic supporters with up a four-point lead over Rangers at the top of the table. Given the the sort of glee that none of their measure of conviction and verve own team's goals in a 4-0 victory shown to recover from the loss over Dundee United could quite of a goal by Pat Nevin in the inspire. Such a reaction is born of fifth minute, Jim Jefferies's side rivalry, but the grip that each club will probably not react to their has on the other is as much of an lofty position with a bout of

For the Old Firm, money is ers of Rangers and Celtic are ordnance and, beyond Glasgow, there would be public chording if united by the agreement that their sides share a significance that Celtic and Rangers pounded one another to ruins while a cheaplyleaves the other members of the assembled Hearts side remained intact and took the title. So early in the season, such thoughts amount only to a daydream, but it is one that the Edinburgh club's supporters can now imagine in detail. This was Hearts' tenth victory

in 11 matches and there are

Norwich City and Nottingham Forest, they did more than enough

to have eased the pressure on Francis. They dominated from start to finish, led by the craft and

urgency of Marsden in midfield,

only to fail to a goal from Sneekes

the ball well and created numerous

chances," Francis said. "The first

half was as one-sided a 45 minutes

as I have seen since I've been at the

club. When you're playing that

Sneekes agreed. They didn't

deserve to lose, we were hopeless," he said. "We had all the luck today;

maybe they'll get it next time." So

did Ray Harford, the West Bromwich Albion manager, whose

side limped almost apologetically

into second place in the table.

"They were better than us for most of the game," he said.

Birmingham would have gone in

at half-time two or three goals ahead, but for the agility of Miller,

a cold, misty afternoon, he kept

warm by saving from Bruce, Furlong and McCarthy. Robinson

also half-volleyed over the crossbar

interval, with McCarthy and Rob-

when nicely positioned.

disappointed at the result."

We played with spirit, passed

in the 83rd minute.

for the success that should continue to apply over the months ahead.

The dub always being issued with tiresome and superfluous reminders of the fact that 35 years have passed since a trophy was won, appear capable of making a break with that glum

Their matches are even played within a symbol of rejuvenation. Tynecastle has been rebuilt on three of its sides, with the cost partly met by £6 million raised invested by city institutions.



Scottish commentary

the day when, as a matter of course, the stadium is filled whenever maroon jerseys take the field. Tynecastle, with

its 18,000 capacity. is a much smaller venue than Celtic Park or Ibrox, but Hearts are beginning to enjoy the atmosphere of anticipation and confidence that has so long underpinned the Old

Firm. Jefferies also seems to have located men who are stimulated rather than intimidated by the expectation. The manager has been obliged

to shop wisely since Hearts, with

been able to afford much cash for fripperies such as players. Yesterday, three of their goals came from Stephane Adam, who was signed from Metz, of France, for nothing, another was provided by Neil McCann, bought for only £250,000, and the scoring was rounded off by Jose Quitongo, the

substitute, an E80,000 acquisition. The match did not show Hearts at their most co-ordinated, but there was sufficient aptitude in attack to extricate them from the muddle created by an adventur-ous Kilmarnock. Adam brought the game level at I-I, by heading in Stefano Salvatori's cross in the tenth minute. A lead was established 18 minutes later with a move that was both deft and

through with the aid of passes from Thomas Flogel and Steve Fulton before finishing at the near post. Adam glanced in the third goal in the sixtieth minute, after David Weir had headed Salvatori's free-kick across the six-

Although Holt scored to reduce the deficit to 3-2, Hearts seemed capable of amassing whatever quantity of goals was required. Adam completed his hat-trick, after rapid passes by Weir and Flogel had opened space on the right and although the visitors responded with a penalty that Mark Roberts converted, Quitongo took the margin of victory to 5-3 in the final minutes.

Al full-time, Zip-a-Dee-Do-Dah blared merrily from the loudspeakers. Wonderful feeling, wonderful day. And more to come.

GRAHAM CHADWICK / ALLSPOR



Jefferies: has bought wisely

Birmingham slide leaves Francis down on his luck

West Bromwich Albion 1 Birmingham City ..

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

embrace as a stranglehold.

Despite the enmity, the follow-

Bell's Scottish League premier division as underlings. Over the

decades, of course, there has been

a dollop of justice in that smug-

ness, but there is just a chance that

Old Firm fans could suffer for

With a boisterous 5-3 win over

their conceit this season.

IT HAS not been a good week to be. Francis. At White Hart Lane on Wednesday, Gerry Francis, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, finally gave up the impossible fight and resigned; at The Hawthorns yesterday, Trevor Francis, the Birmingham City manager, edged another step nearer a similar fate. If local gossip is to be believed, he well, you expect to go in two or three goals ahead. I was pleased with the performance, but very may be assisted in his decision.

Birmingham have won only once in 14 matches in the Nationwide League first division, collecting nine points from a possible 42. They lie in fourteenth place, lodged in the nowhere land between a play-off place and relegation. More worryingly, Francis was given a vote of confidence by David Gold, the club chairman, on Monday. Rumours abound, but talk is

cheap. Francis is unlikely to be dismissed, even if the news is bad when Birmingham play against Portsmouth at home next week. Steve Bruce, the captain, is still the West Bromwich goalkeeper. On perhaps a season away from accepting his first player-manager's job, whether it be at St Andrew's or farther afield.

Such unrest, though, helps nobody. "Certain sections of the media are trying to tear the club apart," Francis said, choosing his words carefully. "The board have said nothing to me. It is not what you hear during the week that matters, it is what you see at the

What the Birmingham fans witnessed was a third successive defeat, yet, perversely, it prompted a third successive standing ovation.

best work. Miller, though, was again unbeatable, tipping over Grainger's fierce free kick, pushing aside Furiong's deflected 20-yard drive and then clasping another long-range effort from Grainger. West Bromwich competed more vigorously, yet lacked any genuine threat until Sneekes's low shot from the edge of the area slithered

past Bennett. "We only need one chance," the home supporters crowed, adding to the sense of despondency in the blue corner.
Football club directors are not noted for their grasp of reality, but

should perhaps dwell a while on the words of Gary Ablett, the Birmingham defender. "I hope they keep faith and realise we're on the right lines," he said. "We all feel for Trevor and want to help him get out of this."

WEST BROMWICH ALBION (4-4-2): A Miler — P Holmes, D Burgess, P Marcion, D Smith — I Hamilson, P Burler, R Sneekes, S Flyen (outr L Hughes, 5-2mn) — A Hunt, K Kiberne. BIRMBNGHAM CITY (4-4-2: I Bennett — J Bass, S Bruce, G Ablett, M.Johnson (sub: P Devin, 89) — J McCarrity, S Roburson, C Marsden, M Granger — P Furlong, A Cottee (sub: P Ndlovu, 81)



Hunt, the West Bromwich striker, goes past Robinson's sliding challenge in the West Midlands derby at The Hawthorns yesterday

Forest have the qualities for top level

Charlton Athletic.

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

FEW people have any difficulty picturing Nottingham Forest in the FA Carling Premiership next sea-The trend continued after the son. The Nationwide League first inson involved in Birmingham's division leaders, after all, have recent European experience, a manager with first-hand know-ledge of what it takes to gain promotion and even a Holland international centre forward.

Charlton, on the other hand, although regularly praised by opponents, suffer from something of a

THE Football Association is

expected to announce in the next

formight that Umbro has retained

the contract to supply the England

kit. It was thought that Nike, the

American company, Umbro's

main rival in a fiercely contested

market, was the favourite to take

over the deal when the contract

expired in the spring of 1999.

The commerical department of

the FA, however, is believed to

favour staying loyal to Umbro,

which has had close links with the

England team for more than a

the City Ground on Saturday only served to widen. "We let ourselves down," Alan Curbishley, their manager, said.

"We've come to Forest, who are top of the league, we're sixth and you don't get 5-2 scorelines in that situation — you put up a bit of a show. We went one down, then decided it was a five-a-side. We'd go up their end, try to score and let

them go up our end to score."
On this form, Forest are the last team in the division with whom to attempt to trade goals. Stone may not be back to full fitness, but his speed of thought is intact and the one-touch play between him.

Umbro poised to keep contract

The agreement has yet to be

finalised, but, depending on the

length, it could be worth up to £15 million a year to the FA. Nike is

understood to have bid around

The chairmen of the Football

League clubs seem certain to reject

a proposal to reduce their first

division to 18 clubs. A plan to cut both the FA Carling Premiership and the Nationwide League first

division to 18 clubs, with just two

being promoted and relegated each

season, will be discussed by League

chairmen at a meeting in London

£150 million over ten years.

prised Charlton apart. The passing of the visitors, although neat,

looked leaden by comparison.

A diving header by Leaburn. saved at full stretch by Beasant, was a false dawn for Charlton. After 20 minutes, a vintage Forest counter-attack, reminiscent of the early days of Brian Clough, ended with Campbell setting up Van Hooijdonk, who struck the ball through Petterson's dive into the far corner.

Soon after half-time, the Dutchman collected a throw-in from Rogers to shoot in from 30 yards and he completed his hat-trick after Petterson saved a Campbell head-

next month. The idea has been put

forward by a League working party

dealing with restructuring the whole organisation and its ideas

will be put before an extraordinary

general meeting of clubs in

David Sheepshanks, the chair-

man of the Football League, said:

"A three-up, three-down system remains vital to the continued

success and prosperity of the game

in this country. The current agree-

ment between the Football Associ-

ation, the Premier League and the

Football League remains binding."

described it as his best game for the

In the last half-hour, the teams shared four goals, although it could have been ten. The home defenders ignored Brown's free kick (Allen did not): Woan scored twice - first for Forest, through a crowd, then, inadvertently, for Charlton, after Beasant had flapped in vain at a corner - and, with both defences in a state of nervous exhaustion, Campbell beat Petterson to a cross from Woan to head the fifth Forest

*I've heard David [Bassett] say it was a little bit flattering," Curbishley said. "I don't think so. We competed with them for 20, 25 minutes and then all our defensive discipline went out of the window. It's ominous that when Forest don't play so well, they win one-nil: when they do play well, they win by five."

Forest now go to Middlesbrough on Wednesday for a true heavyweight bout, while the next game for Charlton is the visit on Friday of Swindon, who have also faltered recently: a battle between pretenders, surely, rather than contenders. Crs., Surety, Fauner man contentions.

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sub: S Jones, 74), M Holmes (sub: S Newton, 9)

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Kennedy puts icing on the cake for Taylor

Northampton Town Watford.

By PAT GIRSON

GRAHAM TAYLOR is more painfully aware than most managers that there are times when things do not go according to plan. There was no disguising his pleasure, therefore, when his strategy for keeping Watford six points clear at the top of the Nationwide League second division worked to perfection.

Taylor knew that Northampton Town, one of the sides striving desperately to keep in touch, presented as formidable a challenge as his team had faced all season. especially since he was without three of his most influential players - Rosenthal and Jason Lee, the former Premiership strikers, and Millen, the central defender.

"We looked on this as a big game." he said. "A game that some people felt might find us out. We anticipated that we could be under a lot of pressure if we did not get our act together.

"The pleasure comes from the fact that the players followed everything to the letter. They had to think things out a little bit and realise that there is more to the game than just running around and doing their very best."

Taylor's tactics were based on leaving his three central defenders - Palmer, Page and Mooney - to cope with Northampton's threeman strike force of Heggs, Seal and midfield players to push forward at every opportunity and prevent the home side from building up a head of steam.

His masterstroke, however, was to deploy Peter Kennedy, normally a left-sided midfield player, in Rosenthal's role just behind the front two. Watford obviously missed Rosenthal's touch around the penalty area, but the move paid off handsomely in the 57th minute when Gibbs put over a telling cross for Kennedy to head his ninth goal of the season and eighth away from

It is a remarkable striking rate considering that Kennedy, a North-ern Ireland B international, could not even get into the Notts County side on a regular basis last season. Taylor heard people saying how surprised they were that he had not made more of an impression in English football when he went to the Northern Ireland cup final in Belfast at the end of last season. He checked him out with Gerry Armstrong, the former Northern Ireland international, and bought him for £130,000 without ever having

seen him play.

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Referee: J Robinson.

Notts retreat to the Comfort zone after a striking failure

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BY BILL EDGAR

THOSE Notts County players upset at spurning a series of chances to send their team top of the Nationwide League third division on Saturday did not have far to go to seek comfort. Their opponents' chaplain. The Rev Alan Comfort, fully understands a footballer's frustrations in front of goal, his time at Leyton Orient having been spent on the wing and in prayer.

Comfort, a legend on the pitch during the 1980s, saw County's profligacy and a fine display by Paul Hyde, the Orient goalkeeper, produce parity. Sam Allardyce, the County manager, said: "I'm disappointed we didn't get the three points with all the clearcut chances that we created. It needed a little bit more of a cool head in front of goal."

cerned at English football's beat. continental drift might have been horrified by the beating of three drums for much of the game. This regular sideshow at Brisbane Road typifies the entertainment-led approach of Barry Hearn, the Orient chairman and boxing promot-

er, as does the stadium announcer's Brazilian-style Saturday greeted Harris's scrambled 71st-minute equaliser for Orient. Harris, a 21-year-old striker cast off by Crystal Palace recently, showed enough raw

talent to suggest that the club-

record £600,000 that Orient

received from County for John Chiedozie 16 years ago may be beaten in the next season or The visitors had led for only four minutes through a majestic header by Farrell, which came shortly after two of his team-mates. Robson and Der-

ry, had both failed to score

Those traditionalists con- with just the goalkeeper to

The home supporters who shouted abuse at Hendon, the former Orient defender, can recycle those chants tomorrow when the team of the same name visits Brisbane Road for an FA Cup replay. Tommy Taylor, the Orient

manager, praised his side, saying: "The boys showed a lot bellowing of "goal", which on of character. That's the best team we've played against this Taylor also revealed that he had released Dave Regis, the

striker whose name provides a reminder of Notts' dramatic fall from grace. Regis was among the scorers in County's Wembley play-off victory over Brighton that put them in the top flight six years ago.

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Venables happy with draw for Australia

TERRY VENABLES, the Australia coach, praised the spirit shown by his side in their l-l draw with I ran in the World Cup qualifying match in Tehran.

A goal by Harry Kewell, the Leeds United forward, gave Australia an early lead and, although Iran equalised before half-time and subjected his side to heavy secondhalf pressure, Venables remained confident for the return at the Melbourne

Cricket Ground on Saturday. "It's important that you stand your ground. If you lose your courage, you could fold under, and they didn't," Venables said. "We got a result and we got a goal. We've got to be satisfied with

Khodadad Azzizi, of Cologne, scored the equal-iser for Iran and the home testing moments for Mark Bosnich, the Aston Villa because of suspension.

that."

goalkeeper. A crowd of 128,000 in the Azadi Stadium gave the Iran team tremendous support and Bosnich said: "It was a super atmosphere tonight, maybe one of the noisiest crowds I have experienced."

Venables praised the contribution of Bosnich. "He had no chance at all for the goal and he made his saves well. We knew that he was an excellent goalkeeper and he proved it. This was always going to be rough. The most experienced players would have found a game like this difficult to deal with."

Vladir Vierra, the Iran coach, remains confident that his team can win the second leg. "We'll score at least one goal in Melbourne," he said.

Karim Bagheri, the Iran midfield player, will be team provided several more available for the return after missing the first match

chairman's view of history Ely City Worcester Athletico 0

By Walter Gammie

COMMEMORATED in a display cabinet in the clubhouse at the Unwin Ground is the day that dominates the history of Ely City Football Club, when the Robins of Cambridgeshire played Torquay United in the first round of the FA Cup.

Taking pride of place is the original of the Roy Ulyett cartoon that depicted the City supporter who drank the bottles that allowed a brewery to donate beer crates to afford extra vantage points for spectators packed into the club's former Paradise Ground.

The precious memento was secured by Doug Unwin, the president, 60 years at the heart of a club that Harry, his father, had served for as long before him. The naming of the club's new home was easy.

Times since that day in 1956 glorious even in a 6-2 defeat - have not always been so good, but before Ely took on

Ely rise to challenge posed by

Worcester Athletico in an FA Carlsberg Vase second-round tie. Unwin quietly suggested that the team assembled by Dave Pinkowski and Tony Lyes was the best that he had seen at the club for some time. Ely won the Jewson Eastern

Counties League first division last season and sit comfortably in the top six of the premier division. Brian Jordan, the chairman, however, said that beating Athletico would "match anything" achieved since that lone foray into the FA Cup first round.

The chairman's wish was delivered in the grand manner with a flying header by Martin Pammenter in the last minute from a cross by Graham Retallick, after Elv had taken control of a second half that developed into a one-man contest between Mathew Eden and Jason Print, the Athletico

Athletico - the final vowel

is to avoid any confusion with Worcester Athletic Club -with whom they share Nunnery Wood Sports Complex, adopted the name last year to sever their roots as Upton Town. As Ely had in 1986, they moved because they could not develop their home and, for four seasons, had shared Malvern Town's ground.

The defeat was only Athletico's second of a season in which they have flourished in the Midland Combination but, at the third time of asking, they have at least broken their Vase duck and fully entered into the spirit of a competition that continues to supply new adventures and new friends. ELY CITY (4-4-2): G Cowling — G Ratellick, M Leonard, A Beatte, N O'Donohue — M Cook, M Parrmenter, I Evason, M Eden — G Chandler, S McKenna.

WORCESTER ATHLETICO (4-4-2): J Print
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71mm), M Glechel, G Burrow — D Tath, S

Confident Inverdale makes seamless transfer

hen I spoke to Philip Bernie on Friday, the precise running order of tonight's On Side was looking just a little fluid. Which is exactly how Bernie. editor of John Inverdale's new sports chat show, likes it.

Out, for instance - and for the nicest of reasons — was Peter O'Sullevan, whose commentary career passes the winning post for the final time at Newbury this weekend. Seems his colleagues on Grandstand have something special planned. In, possibly. was Wasim Akram, with his thoughts on how to beat the West Indies — if he was in the country. But in definitely is John Fashanu, giving his first interview since being acquit-ted of corruption. No way

were they going to let that little exclusive get away. Alongside Fashanu will be

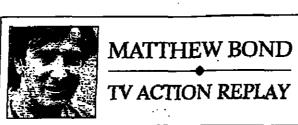
David Lloyd, the England cricket coach: Sally Gunnell; Kelly Holmes: Tony Banks, the Sports Minister, and anyone else who the production team thinks captures the mo-ment. For the first programme, that meant a live link to Jacques Villeneuve, the newly-crowned Formula One champion, and last week the communication satellites were humming again, as Inverdale talked rugby union with Grant Fox in the studio and David Campese in Sydney. Tonight's target could be a little closer to home, however, if they can persuade Christian

Gross to say a few words after Spurs against Crystal Palace.

A lesser interviewer might be blinded by either the stars or the technology, but not Inverdale. Once the Twin Peaks-style theme music has come to the end, the dry ice has cleared and he has given us a gallop through the running order, he gets politely and

good-humouredly stuck in.

Was men's tennis boring, he asked Greg Rusedski? Was it good tactics, he asked Campese, for Australia to go into the match against England without a goal-kicker or anyone who could throw the ball in straight? Did you hit Naseem Hamed, he asked Chris Eubank on the first show. And no doubt he will be after Hamed's version when the boxer appears on the final show in a couple of weeks'



time. Yet, having been impressed by all that, it's an interview style that surely faces its biggest test tonight when he talks to a man who has only ever said two words about the match-fixing allegations that brought him to court. "Not guilty."

Fashanu apart, it is a technique that already seems to be working and winning over those who doubted he could television. The programme is attracting between 2½ and three million viewers, not bad for a show that goes out at 10,40pm on a Monday and has to follow Panorama. With only another couple to go in the present run, the BBC is impressed enough to have ordered another eight for the

But Inverdale is only one of the reason's for the show's warm reception. There is also

the calibre of the guests, which looks set to continue with names such as Christie, Henman, McEnroe and Gascoigne pencilled in for the next couple of weeks. Then there is the quality of the research that aims to ensure that even the most familiar interviewees

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produce something unusual. Some they lose ("weren't you brought up by a nun, Frankie? Dettori: "No.") but most they win, including last week's chat with Damon Hill, enlivened by the unlikely combination of vintage Bruce Forsyth and the out-takes from a pizza commercial. Mind you, the presence of Eddie Jordan, roaring into the row over Formula One and tobacco sponsorship, helped a bit too. To my mind, however, one

of the most impressive things about the show is its evenhandedness. In the days when it is rare for one television channel to acknowledge that a rival broadcaster even exists. On Side approaches sports and guests on merit, regard-less of whether the BBC has the television rights or not.

There was a wobbly moment last week when the show plugged three BBC events in under five minutes - Scotland versus Australia on Grandstand, the RAC rally coverage on BBC2 and Sports Personality of the Year, but this was against the run of play. By that time, Inverdale had already had a long chat with Rusedski. who, with the notable exception of Wimbledon, plays most

whose finest hour, at the US Open, came on Sky. He had just finished talking to Fox and Campese, mainly about En-gland's games with Australia and the All Blacks, both of which were shown by Sky and ITV, and he finished the evening talking to Hill, who if he comes good next season with Jordan will be coming good for ITV.

Talking of Sports Personality of the Year, the big talking point this year is whether the great British sporting public can bring themselves to vote for Canadians. They have a choice of two. Otherwise, it's Henman against Hamed, they say.
Those cosy chats with
Inverdale could yet prove

'I respect every football manager . . . it is an awful job, a horrible job, yet it is the best job in the world'

Aspiring to rejoin working class

through the shadows, ignoring the roar from Selhurst Park, which signalled another ominous Manchester United victory. He was insulated from the passion and pressures of the occasion, but mugged by reality the moment he switched on the car radio. A breathless

scoreflash from Hillsborough confirmed that Guy Whittingham had simultaneously completed Sheffield Wednesday's win over Arsenal. Pleat sank back into the passenger seat and crushed a boardroom pass in clenched his he fists in a reflex action of rage and relief.

"I'm pleased for Guy." he said, breaking a brief but oppressive silence. "Nice man. Great worker. It's

Sod's Law, isn't it? I could have written the script myself. That's my team. I signed every one of them. I should be there. It's too frustrating for words, awful, but I've got to forget it. It's gone." Diverted by unseen dramas, we

quickly became lost in the urban sprawl of South London. "Are you trying to save me from a miserable evening at home?" he chuckled. "I'll be dead tonight. I've not won or lost. I've no emotion to feed off, I don't know if I can live like that. I might be like a gambler who just has to have his bet."

Saturday, the thirteenth day of Plear's latest spell as an unemployed football manager, had begun with a plea for advice from one of his former players, an aspiring coach who had just been demoted. Pleat then opened a letter, informing him that his 12 original shares in Leicester City were worth in excess of £1,000. The irony of an unsolicited

bonus, from another club that had dispensed with him, was lost during a subsequent exchange of telephone calls with Wednesday officials. He is still

fighting for compensation, due on a contract that was extended only last February. Such undignified wrangles offer a more telling insight into profes-sional football than the manager-ofthe month trophy that adorns a dis-Pleat's bungalow, on the outskirts of Luton. The inevitability

of the sack does not lessen its impact. Even Pleat, at 52 one of the most widely respected of English managers, found his first day out of work

their flat in Sheffield, only to find they did not have sufficient packing cases to move their belongings. He then "tried to put on a reasonable face" and travelled to Hillsborough to say his farewells. His coaching staff were being retained, but were fretful. "Of course, losing your job is a blow to your ego, but it affects so many other people," Pleat reflected.

'frightening". He drove his wife to

Pleat is too honest to hide the hurt. Conciliatory gestures by David Richards, the Wednesday chairman, merely irritated un-treated wounds. "He said that he'd make sure that I'd be treated properly and that he wanted to be able to look me in the eye, but I've



Pleat was at Selhurst Park at the weekend, unable to hide a burning ambition to return to the game that had rejected him 13 days earlier. Photograph: Adrian Sherratt

heard all that before," Pleat said. "I call the sack the dirty deed. It's too easy to change the manager and ignore the consequences."

Pleat, a stranger in his own home, was quickly ambushed by domesticity. The kitchen was flooded because he couldn't locate the stopcock when a plumber out a nail through a water nine. He had to buy, and learn to operate, a fax machine to cope with agents who requested his managerial CV. He discovered that he had unnecessarily been paying two sets of

council tax. The freemasonry of football management ensured that his phone rang incessantly. The prevailing mood, that he was a victim of unrealistic ambition after Wednesday's ascent to seventh place in the Premiership last season, was crystallised by a call from George Graham, the Leeds

"He told me that I'd been a bit too clever last season, that I'd probably got a few too many noints." Pleat said. "But I'm glad we did well. They can't take that away from me. although they tried, because by giving me the sack they besmirched my reputation.

"What hurts most is that I've been a responsible manager. So many people have said that should have spent much more of their money, instead of planning long-term. There are those in every club who work against you behind your back, but I've never knowingdone anvone down.

The fleeting despair was dispelled by his most valued call, from Alex Ferguson, whose team triggered his dismissal by thrashing Wednesday 6-1 at Old Trafford. He woke Pleat just before eight o'clock on the morning of his return from United's European Cup

Champions' League match at Feyenoord. "You OK, pal?" went the conversation, "Ah, Alex," Pleat replied. The six goals were just too much for them to bear."

Pleat's lined faced lightened as he considered Ferguson's obsessional nature. Ferguson had slept for barely four hours that morning and was determined to be first to United's training ground.

The same instincts prompted Ferguson to arrive at Selhurst Park with the kit. five hours before the kickoff on Saturday.

What a man." Pleat said. "I pride myself on my ability to recall incidents and to sum up players. but he has a top, top brain. Just look at the character of some of those younger United players. Look at how they apply themselves. That's down to Alex. Some people might think that

Warren.

he cost me my job, but he's not my enemy. He's a brother, a friend. "Managers are a band of broth-

ers as far as I am concerned. I

don't begrudge big fat Ron [Atkinson) anything. Good luck to him. Our careers have followed parallel paths. He's a character, a kindly man i respect every manager because I know what he goes through. He's insecure, worried. It's an awful job, a horrible job, yet it is the best job in the world."

Pleat is concerned that outstanding young managers, such as Alan Buckley, of Grimsby Town, and John Ward, at Bristol City, will be frustrated by football's reluctance to gamble in the age of corporate finance. Yet such wider issues pale alongside pressing personal prob-

"You going to Spurs?" Wimbledon's car-park attendant asked, voicing the unspoken thoughts of fans who whispered "there's Pleat" as he made his way to the directors' box. Pleat is, undeniably. interested in the scope of the role of director of football proposed by the Tottenham Hotspur chairman, Alan Sugar, but has yet to have any contact with him.

"I'm staying close to the phone," he said on Saturday night, when Colin Murphy called before flying to Vietnam, where he manages the national team. By that time, Pleat was cradling a glass of red wine and planning to catch the Spanish League match between Atlético Madrid and Valencia on satellite television.

"I feel helpless because I need to know what's going on, but I'm in no position to use that knowledge," he mused. "You never doubt yourself, but someone still has to give you another opportunity before you can prove anything, don't they? I know it sounds so daft, but all I want to do is work . . . "

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In defence of referees

From Mr B. V. O'Toole

Sir. Before accusing Premier-ship referees of incompe-tence, inconsistency and ... bias, and suggesting that they should be charged with bringing the game into disrepute". Mr Benjamin (Sports Letters, November 17) might have paused to consider that these officials are the cream of the crop, being the elite of some 50,000 referees in England.

it takes at least 12 years' active refereeing to reach the top of the pyramid system as it is known. En route, the official must first gain I status, then attain club/assessors marks placing him near the top of perhaps 100 other referees in his supply league (eg. Suburban), contributory league (eg. Isthmian) and panel league (eg, Conference) before moving into the Football League and finally the Premiership. Most do not progress to the higher levels.

Like players, referees are capable of human error in the context of this fast-moving competitive game which calls for split-second judgment and decisions. They cannot be in all parts of the field of play at the same time and cannot hope to get a good view of

Absolute consistency could be achieved if referees remained perfectly positioned within five to ten yards of the ball throughout games, including for example immediately after it has been kicked 50 yards across the field, which is physically impossible; it could achieved provided they

every incident that occurs.

discretion not to penalise to avoid a palpably unfair result. The worst accusation, that of bias, is unsupported by evidence or examples. If it were seriously suspected of any referee by the Premiership executive he would be immedlately suspended: if it were proven before the FA he would

applied the laws of the game to

the letter, which would involve

the abandonment of all com-

mon sense, ie. the occasional

probably never referee again. There is an existing system for monitoring the performance of all Premiership officials: they are routinely assessed and removed from the list at the end of the season if their performances are not consistently high. Nothing ex-

Yours faithfully BARTHOLOMEW V. OTOOLE (Referee with the Amateur Football Alliance). Mitre Court Chambers.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Unpleasant crowd behaviour at Wembley

From Mr Jonathon Metliss

Sir. At the England v Cameroon game I was with my daughter, niece and two South African friends sitting in Block 248, which is on the halfway line just above the Royal Box.

This is one of the best areas in the ground, and I was surprised to be sitting behind a unpleasant group who were shouting: "No surrender to the IRA" periodically throughout the game. This is a well-known National Front/Combat 18 chant. In addition, adverse comments were made about black speciators, and they also seemed somewhat the worse for

I did not say anything at the time, as I was

reluctant to provoke any sort of altercation especially with my daughter there. Having said that, I really wonder how these people get into the better areas of the ground and why their behaviour is tolerated, more especially bearing in mind what happened in Rome.

Notwithstanding what happened there, and the general outcry against this type of behaviour, why is it that the relevant authorities appear to do little or nothing to improve the spectator conditions at high-profile matches such as these? Yours sincerely

JONATHON METLISS, 222 Grays Inn Rd, London WCl.

From Mr Phillip Pellow

Sir, We know that all referees will make errors, and we should accept this. However, the crucial decisions, the ones on which the games turn and ultimately tournaments are won or lost, cannot any longer be left to chance.

Technology has progressed to such an extent that we can now, with vitual certainty, make all of these crucial decisions without error, by using the technology available. I suggest that if there is an attack where there is a close offside decision, the players should play on until the ball is out of play. The referee would acknowledge the linesman's flag, but signal that play should continue. If subse-

quently the ball goes dead, for goal kick or throw-in for example, then play can continand between the players. ue. If, however, there is subsequently a goal or penalty, then

the referee can call for the fourth official to judge whether the goal or penalty should stand. Similarly, if there is an appeal for a penalty, but the referee is unsighted, then he would play on until the ball goes dead, and then call for an

adjudication. In an average match, there would be very few stoppages for this purpose, and I suspect that overall there would be an average of one to three minutes added to playing time. So what? if the game becomes fairer, all well and good. And the decisions thus made would

not be the subject of so much aggravation on the terraces

Perhaps the most important consequence would be that the credibility of referees would be greatly enhanced. Yours sincerely

PHILLIP PELLOW, 46 Courtenay Avenue, Waterloo, Liverpool 22.

Warren's version

From Mr Frank Warren Sir, Your article, "Duff hears toll of final bell" (November 13), stated that Mickey Duff blames Sky Television and Don King for his demise. King teamed up with Warren when Mike Tyson came out of prison and told Sky that it could have Tyson if it took a package of shows that he intended to put on with

In fact, King and I signed an agreement in September 1994. Up to that time I had been regularly promoting fights on ITV, which included such fighters as Paul Hodkinson, Colin McMillan, Naseem Hamed, Frank Bruno, Cristanto Espana, Derek Williams, Sean Murphy and many others. At that time ITV was not interested in Tyson, who was in prison.

Hamed, Bruno and Duke McKenzie left Duff and signed contracts with me long before my agreement with King, and ITV broadcast their fights. In April 1995, at the end of my agreement with ITV, I agreed terms with BSkyB for them to broadcast my promotions, which included lighters I had contracted with, including Bruno, Hamed, Nigel Benn, Steve Robinson and Robbie Regan. Tyson's comeback fight was not broadcast live by Sky, but was screened as a delayed transmission and via closed circuit in cinemas.

Regards FRANK WARREN, Sports Network Europe, Centurion House, Bircherley Green, Hertford. We accept the points made by Mr Warren and are happy to put the record straight.

Tactical victory

letters@the-times.co.uk

From Mr Charlie Loretz Sir, Neil Back claimed that the England Emerging Players were defeated by the the illegal tactics of the All Blacks.

As a sporting Kiwi I would apologise if he is correct. In our defence I point out that although we had our suspi-cions back here in NZ, we did not realise that the scoring of tries in the UK had actually been outlawed. Yours faithfully, CHARLIE LORETZ. 15 MacNay Way. Murrays Bay. North Shore City, Auckland, NZ. charlie.loretz@xtra.co.nz

Happy days

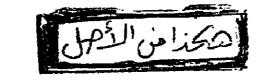
From Mr D Hales Sir, Congratulations to Tim! However. I was the first tennis player to compete in two tournaments on the same day - and win both in August 1953, at 2pm. I won the men's final at West Worthing, used my prize-money (£5) for the rail fare to London, where, at 50m, I won the London Parks men's final at Queen's Club no prize-money as far as I remember. Happy days! Yours ruefully. DENNIS HALES. Beethoven, Cheapside Lane, Denham Village, Bucks.

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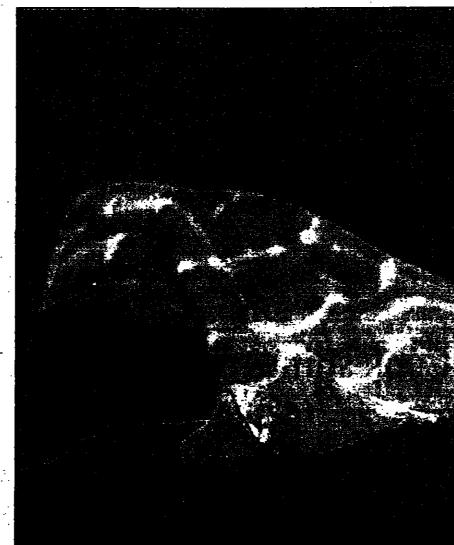
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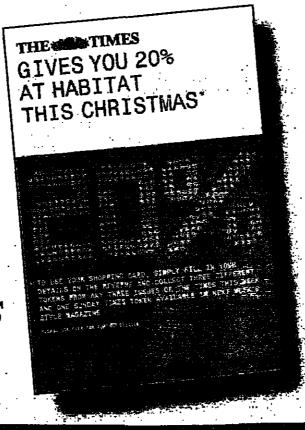






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West Indies left scraping from an empty barrel

he theft of Courtney Walsh's bat from the West Indies team hotel last week was highly symbolic. Don't worry, you'll get it back at the end of the tour," a guard reassured him. By then, Walsh may need a bit more than a plank of willow with which to defend himself. One thing is certain. As if he didn't already know. he cannot rely on his players. Somebody eventually found the bat, in a village 50 miles from Peshawar, where West Indies surrendered the first Test of the series against Pakistan inside 34 days. This

is frontier country, where ban-dits thrive, so Walsh was lucky The wretched condition of West Indies cricket, of which the first Test supplied the latest evidence, makes a sad spectacle. The team that battered all others into submission for 15 years is now itself a target for battery, and the players do not appear to have

the stomach for the fight. The defeat, by the overwhelming margin of an innings and 19 runs, marks the latest staging-post of a journey into decline and, if it is not arrested soon, the road can lead only to despair. Truly, West Indies cricket has entered the long, dark night of

In a way, it was appropriate that the men who watched helplessly as their players disgraced themselves were Clive Lloyd, the team manag-er, and Malcolm Marshall, the coach. Lloyd was the captain of that formidable team of the recent past and Marshall was a prince among fast bowlers. In their own playing days, neither man would have tolerated such a

shambles. Publicly, Lloyd is conceding nothing. He does not think the result reflected the ability of the team and is looking forward to watching his players. bounce back in the two remaining Tests. His private, is the only player sure of his views would be more illumit place in the problems go deeper nating, because there is a The problems go deeper woeful lack of class in this

"People expect West Indies

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says a once mighty team lies in ruins

al about their cricket," Lloyd said. Indeed they do, but there's naught here for his

Four players — Stuart Williams, David Williams, Simmons and Lewis - are not Test class. Only Lara and Chanderpaul, among the batsmen, are good enough. Hooper, for all his gifts, is a dead loss, and Campbell is an ordinary Joe. The fast bowlers. who have kept them afloat for three years, are ageing.

The problem starts at the op, where Walsh, a wholehearted trier, lacks real authority. The world waits for Lara to take over, nobody more impatiently than Lara himself, and if West Indies lose this series, he will almost certainly be promoted when England visit the Caribbean in January.

mended that Lara bring the team here, but they were overruled by the Board of Control. In fairness, Lara's conduct on and off the field in the past couple of years has not commended him for leadership. but there is no alternative. He

than a single defeat, however chastening. West Indies. who used to replenish their stock to be fighters, to be profession- from the ranks of the young. ers of the necessary quality. Australia have replaced Border, Boon, McDermott and Hughes - and prospered. South Africa are introducing good young men to their side. Pakistan have got them by the half-dozen and even England have a couple. In the Caribbe-

an, they have nobody. Since Ambrose and Bishop joined the team ten years ago. they have produced no fast bowlers. They have found only one batsman, Lara, since Desmond Haynes emerged 20 vears ago and you have to go back to Lance Gibbs, who retired 23 years ago, for a spinner worthy of the name.

Crucially, so far as West Indies are concerned, slow bowling is a foreign tongue. The modern game, in which wrist spinners play a good hand, is ignoring them and the depth of that ignorance was apparent as Mushtaq Ahmed bowled them out twice without ever needing to be at his

ime and events have stripped this team of its strength. Australia beat them in the Caribbean in 1995 and the amateurs of Kenya landed that astonishing World Cup punch last year in Pune. Last winter in Australia, they lost more convincingly than the 3-2 outcome indicates.

It seems that only on poor pitches can they beat decent teams and, a year from now, Walsh and Ambrose will not be around to help them. However diligent a coach Marshall is, he cannot take wickets from the dressingroom. Nor can Lloyd make runs from his hotel suite.

There could be no better time for England to go to the Caribbean. David Lloyd will make the usual noises about the challenge ahead and, of course, every tour presents its own problems. This one will be no different: after all, England have not won there for 30 years. Yet, on recent evidence, they

have nothing to fear. The West Indies' ship is crippled. All they can do now is search for



Cook shines on Test debut

By Our Sports Staff

almost three hours, during

Cook, 25. a controversial

replacement for Glenn

McGrath, who was injured.

finished with figures of five

which he struck ten fours.

AUSTRALIA emphasised the depth of their resources once again yesterday when Simon Cook, the New South Wales fast bowler, produced a devastating spell on his debut to win the second Test against New Zealand in Perth.

He ensured victory by an innings and 70 runs - and a 2-0 lead in the three-match series - with five for 20 off 32 balls, during which he exploited cracks in a wearing pitch. New Zealand were bowled

out for 174 in their second innings after scoring just 217 in their first innings on what was then an excellent pitch. Australia made 46i. Resuming on the fourth day on 69 for three. New Zealand lost their last seven wickets in

105 runs. The sole figure of

resistance was Adam Parore,

who extended his overnight

42 to 63, an innings that lasted

Ng6 Ng8

hxig6 Re6 Qe7

for 39 for the second innings and seven for 75 for the match. It was the first time an Australia bowler had claimed five wickets on his debut since Tony Dodernaide's six for 58

igainst New Zealand at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in 1987-88

Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, was pleased to complete an eighth successive series victory, but said he anticipated, a. much greater... challenge in the three Test starting in Melbourne on Boxing Day. "The series over there earlier this year was tough enough, but this will be

know they are very keen to beat us, so I am expecting

tougher opposition." Stephen Fleming, the New Zealand captain, said: "All the way through we have underachieved and that is an alarming aspect. There has got to be some soul-searching. At the moment, it is hard to see light at the end of the tunnel, but we have the oneday international series here to look forward to."

New Zealand's opening game in the limited-overs series is against South Africa in Adelaide on December 6. The third Test starts in Hobart on Thursday.

Meanwhile, Tim May, the president of the Australian Cricketers Association, said yesterday that the players would not strike over their pay dispute with the Austra-lian Cricket Board.

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Tottenham v Crystal Palace (8.0) .

SCREWITX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION; Premier division: Coleshii v Walles-

THE TIMES FA YOUTH CUP: Second

RUGBY UNION

OTHER SPORT

MOTOR RALLYING: Network O RAC Rally (second day: Chellenham-Dolgel-lau-Chellenham). RACING: Calterick (12.40); Ludlow (12.50); Southwell (AW, 1.0). SNOCKET: Liverpool Victona LIK champ-ionship (in Preston)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Third round, first leg; Steaus Bucharest v Aston Villa (6.45).
FA CUP: Plest-round replays: Basingstoke v Wysombe; Burnley v Rotherham (7.45); Cardiff, v Stough; Colchester v Brentord (7.45); Enley v Norceamber (7.45); Gamestorough v Lincoln (at Lincoln City FC), Gillinghem v Bristol Rovers (7.45); Grimstry v Streensbury (7.45); Leyton Orient v Nerplan (7.45); Marsheld v Olcheste (7.45).
Northampton v Easter (7.45).

Northampton v Engler (7.45).
VALIXHALL. CONFERENCE: Rushder and Chambrids v Kestering (7.45)

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Allied Dumber XV v Nev Zealand XV (at Ashton Gate, Bristol, 7.45) UNDER-21 - MATCH: Miclands v Nev Zealand (at Northampton, 7.30)

OTHER SPORT

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

Everion (7.45): NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Flest division: Middlesbrough v Notlingham Forest

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated " denotes all-ticket match

FA Carling Premiership

FA Cup

Talent blooms in traditional rugby hothouse

GWYN JONES, the Cardiff flanker, looks set to be the Wales captain against New Zealand at Wembley on Saturday, after being introduced to the role on Wales's tour to the United States in the summer and which continued against

Romania and Tonga. If the constitution of the back row of the scrum also includes Nathan Thomas, of Bath, as has been the case in the past two internationals, these two players will continue a distinguished line of an exceptional tradition. They are both former pupils of

in all, the college, which is celebrating its sesquicentenary year, can claim to have produced 40 players who have won senior international rug-by honours for Wales. With their former pupils, T. A. Rees and E.J. Lewis, having appeared in the original Wales international fixture against England at Blackheath in the 1880-81 season and getting trounced, no school in Wales can boast a similar lineage.

Furthermore, it is improba ble that any school can have had so many of its former pupils play rugby for their country. With education policy in constant state of change, it cannot be imagined that such a period of association will ever be equalled.

"The boys are aware," the college warden and headmaster. Dr Claude Evans, said, "of the great rugby tradition to which they belong. Maintaining it means a great deal to

Other schools throughout Wales, which, for generations. formed the bedrock upon which rugby flourished, have relinquished their traditional function and lost their sporting reputation. Famous state grammar schools have disappeared, been amalgamated or have had their names and responsibilities changed without anything remotely as successful put in their place. A tradition, however flawed,

was ruined, a rung in the ladder to excellence removed. While this may generally have been the case, in a little corner of Wales the old traditions largely remain. From Monmouth School at its eastern most point through Christ College, Brecon and onwards

College, the principles are intact. To the North, they are found

in Rydal, too. The independent schools have survived the strictures of the national curriculum and have maintained their historical role in promoting school sport. If the sense of pride and identity that a school portrayed, if the sense of discipline and aspirations which was often represented in a school's sporting efforts. and which a community refashion, the rivalry that attaches to the fixtures between these independent establishments remains vibrant

Llandovery College are experiencing a particularly good

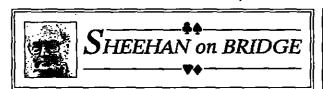


period. Last season, they wo 16 of their 19 fixtures. If they felt proud of their success against their near-neighbours, Monmouth and Brecon, and, further afield, Rydal, they also felt a sense of huge achievement in securing a victory against Millfield and in taking Colston's 22-year unbeaten record. This season, after the slow start, they have won ten of their 13 matches.

"The college is a fine breed-ing ground for first-class and international players — it is a rugby hothouse, if you like' lestyn Thomas, the master in charge of rugby at the school,

Standards were already in place when three old Llandoverians - Cliff Jones. Vivian Jenkins and Arthur Rees - played and won against New Zealand in Swansea in 1935.

This maybe a hard act for Gwyn Jones to follow. He is however a fine role model for his old college, mixing his sporting ambition with his medical studies. An admirable along the A40 to Llandovery old rugby tradition.



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

I like books in quiz format — they make you work before you see the answers. Bernard Magee's Quiz and Puzzle Book has the additional feature that each chapter of bridge problems is concluded by a crossword, word search, acrostic or such like with a bridge theme. The chapter entitled "Wrong Contract" may be of practical help to readers who tend to concentrate on blaming partner when dummy is put down rather than on making the contract they are in. This is an example.

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₽QJ9853 Contract: Four Spades by South. Lead: king of hearts

If you really want to know how North-South arrived in Four Spades you will have to buy the book. Meanwhile, the problem is how to try and make it on the king of hearts lead. At trick two West contin-

ues with the queen of hearts. You cannot afford to lose trump control so ruffing the second trick is out of the question. You have to discard a club, leaving dummy to deal with a third heart. That makes two heart losers and the ace of clubs to come, so you cannot afford a trump loser.

Be sure to ruff the third heart with the ten of spades in order to unblock for the impending trump finesse. Yes, you have to take a trump linesse, and when that comes home you make just the eleven tricks. It is a matter of being able to calm yourself enough

to play the hand. Here ducking the second heart and ruffing the third with the ten of spades are both essential plays, which could be easily missed if your eyes were not firmly centred on the ball. If you ruff the third heart small and lead the ten of spades. East ducks and you are stranded in dummy with no

Mr Bridge's Quiz and Puzzle Book (Foulsham, E5.99) is available from all good bookshops or direct from Mr Bridge, Ryden Grange, Bisley, Surrey GU21 2TH, tel: 01483 489961, price £6.70 including

WORD-WATCHING

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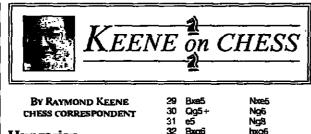
way back to hand.

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By Philip Howard

a. Moderate musically b. A tax inspector c. A Himalayan shrub c. An Alpine soldier DVORNIK a. A janitor b. A beggar

Answers on page 48



Bxg6 h4

34 Rad1

38 h5

By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Hungarian championship

Hungary has an enduring reputation as one of the world's strongest chessplaying countries. The championship this year, a double-round all-play-all, has been won convincingly by grandmaster Zoltan Almasi.

White: Gyula Sax Black: Zoltan Almasi Hungarian championship. Budapest 1997

Ruy Lopez 2 NI3 3 Bb5 Nos 4 d3 5 c3 b3 Bc4 d\$ 23 Re1 25 Nxf5

26 Qc1

28 Bi4

39 log6 White resigns Diagram of final position

Staunton Society

The annual dinner of the Staunton Society will be held at the Royal Automobile Club on Thursday November 27. The chief purpose of the Society is to maintain the memorial erected to Howard Staunton (1810-1874) at Kensal Green cemetery, London. Those interested in attending should contact Barry Martin on 0181-744 2868 or 0181-742

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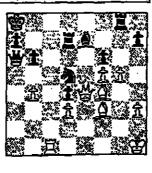
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. From the game Speciman — Bennett, London 1977.

White is a rook in arrears but, thanks to his strong pressure along the diagonals towards the black king, he can now emerge with a winning endgame. Can you see how? Solution on page 48



De Silva steers Sri Lanka to draw

By Our Sports Staff

ARAVINDA DE SILVA produced a masterly show of defiance to score an unbeaten 110 and earn Sri Lanka an unlikely draw in the first Test against India in Mohali. India appeared to have vic-

tory within their grasp when they claimed three wickets in the morning to reduce Sri Lanka to 106 for five, still needing 40 to make India bat

It was then that De Silva and Kumara Dharmasena began a stand of 103 that lasted throughout the afternoon session and beyond tea. Dharmasena was eventually bowled by Javagal Srinath for 25 when Sri Lanka were 63 ahead and a minimum of 25 overs were still to be bowled.

However, De Silva ensured that it did not herald the beginning of a decline in his side's fortunes by continuing to frustrate India. He was helped by a 38-minute stop-page for bad light that came when he was on 98. Sri Lanka were 251 for six at the close.

De Silva, 31, completed a fifteenth Test century and his third hundred in his past four innings against India. He hit 15 fours and a six and underlined his determination to survive by making just 19 during the morning and 41 between lunch and tea. He showed the more familiar part of his game after tea with a flurry of fours all round the

ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Monchecker Storm v Notlingham Panthers (7.30) MOTOR RALLYING: Network C RAC Raily (thard day Chellenhorn-Rhool-Chellenham). Sachin Tendulkar, the India captain, rotated his bowlers in short spells to break the sixthwicket partnership and even called upon Mohammad Azharuddin to bowl his RACING: Huntingdon (1.10); (1.25); Lingileid Park (AW, 1.05). SMOCKER: Liverpool Victoria LIK champ-ionship (in Preston) second over in Test cricket. Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lanka captain, said: "I knew EUROPEAN CUP CHAMPIONS'
LEAGUE Group B: Feyernord v. Juventus
(7.45). Group C: Barcelone v. Newcastle
(7.45). Group E: Besides v. Beyern Munich
(7.45). Erk Gotherburg v. Parie SuntGermain (7.45). Group F: AS Moneco v.
Sporing Listom (7.45). Lierse SK v. Beyer
Leventupen (7.45).
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Chelses v.
Eventor (7.45).
NATIONIMOPE LEAGUE: Flist division: we could pull it off as long as Aravinda was there." De Sil-

va, who was named man of

the match, said: "I thought the wicket was not that diffi-

cult to bat on, but I had to be

patient after we lost those

early wickets. I just had to

keep going." Scoreboards, page 41

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD RUGBY UNION TOUR MATCHES: Ireland A v Canada XV (at Raverthill, 7.30); Leeds v Tonga XV (7.30). (7.30). REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Met Police v Royal Australian Navy (2.30); Cambridge University v M R Steele-Bodger's XV (3.0).

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL international match: Den-mark v England (at Fraderbissberg). ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Ayr Scottish Eagles v Sheffield Steelers (7.30). Eagles v Sheffield Steelers (7.30). RACING: Chepetow (1.20); Hexham (1.0); Whickor (1.10). SNOOKER: Liverpool Victoria UK champ-lonship (in Preston). THURSDAY

FOOTBALL, EUROPEAN CUP CHAMPIONS'
LEAGUE: Group A: Borusala Dortrund v
Galatsaray (7.45); Parma v Sparta
Prague (7.45). Group B: Manchaster
United v PC Kostos (7.45). Group C:
Diramo Ken v PSV Eindinoven (7.45).
Group D: PC Porto v Olympiakos PC
(7.45); Rosenborg v Resi Maddid (7.45).

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ICE HOCKEY: Superleague:
Basingstoke Blson v Bracknell Beec
(730) Express Cup: Cardifi Davils v
Newcastle v Cobrae (7.0).

RACING: Cariste (1.0); Taunton (1.25);
Uttoveter (12.45).

SNOOKET: Liverpool Victorie UK championship (in Preston).

FRIDAY FOOTBALL NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Pirst division: Charlton v Swindon (7.45). RUGBY UNION

CHELTENHAM & GLOUCESTER CUP-Group A: Waksfield v Northampston (7.30). Group B: Lucasser v London Irish (7.30). Group C: Covertity v Moseley (7.30). TOUR MATCH: Bath v ACT (7.15). OTHER SPORT OTHER SPORT

BOXING: World Bedrig Union lightweight championship: Z Kalocsol (Hun) v
C Dunne (Holloway) (at York Heit, Bethnal
Green).

RACING: Bangor († 20); Newbury (1.0),
Unghald Park (AW, 1.10).

SNOOKER: (Werpool Victoria UK championship. (In Praston).

SATURDAY FOOTBALL

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FA CAPILING PREMIETSHIP: Barnsley v
Leeds: Botton v Wirrbledon; Chebea v
Lerby; Covertry v Ledoster; Crystal
Palica v Newcastle: Everton v Tottenham;
Southampton v Sheffield Wednesday;
Wast Harn v Asson villa.

Southampton v Shelheld Wednesday; Wast Harn v Aston Villa.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham v Portsmouth; Bradland v Norwich, Huddersited v Bury; Issakch v Norwich, Huddersited v Bury; Issakch v Norwich, Huddersited v Port Vale; Shelheld United v Crewe; Stockport v Manchester City; Stoke v Reading; Sunderland v Transmer; Wolverhampton v Queens Park Rangors. Second division: Brentlord v Wiresham; Bristol Flovers v Mewell; Burrley v Northam; Bristol Flovers v Mewell; Burrley v Northam; Bristol Flovers v Bristol City; Chesterfield v Southend, Gilingham v Girhalsy, Plymouth v Oldhestr. Preston v Fulfiarro; Walsall v Bacipool; Welford v Wigan; Wycombe v Boutnernouth; York v Liston. Third division. Barnet v Darlington, Cambridge-United v Hartiegoot; Cardil v Scalbrough; Rochelale v Boster; Hull v Doncaster; Lincoln v Macclestield; Mensfield v Coylon Orient; Notte County v Palentorough; Rochelale v Torquey; Rocherham v Colichaster; Scalbrough; Rochelale v Brighton; Synasbury v Swarsse. Stycesbury v Seersee. VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Fem-

VAUDUHALL CONFERENCE Fam-borough v Klodisminister, Gateshead v Yeavit; Hersford v Dover, Ketharing v Steverage, Leek v Cheltenharte, Northwoch v Weding; Ruenderi and Ot-anronds v Hayes; Stough v Southpor, Salybridge v Hechesford; Tesford v Morectambe; Wolding v Helitex.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Hibernian v Motherwell; Kilmarmock v Dunfermine; Rangers v St. Johnstone. First division: Airche v Stiffing: Greenock Morton v Particic, Hernitton v Dundee; Reith v Ayr, St. Mirren v Fabiric. Second division: Brechin v Clyde; Inverness CT v Casen of South; Livingston v East Pite; Stenhousemul; v Clydebank; Stranvaer v Forter Third division: Alice v Abloor. Benvick v Rose County; Cowdenbesth v Cueen's Park; Dumbarton v Arbroath, Montrose v East Stiffing.

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INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England v
South Africa (all Twickersham, 2.0); Wales v
New Zealand (at Wembley).
TETLEY'S BITTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: North: Pool A: Cumbris v
Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbystine (at Penntin, 2.30); Waswickshire v
Durham (at Rugby, 2.30). Pool B:
Leicestershire v Cheshire (al Syston, 2.30);
North Midlands v Lenceshire (at Sourbridge, 2.15). Pool C: Northumberland v
Stationdshire (at Morpeth, 2.0); Yorkshire v
Sast Midlands (at Sheffleid, 2.15). South:
Pool A: Comwell v Sussex (at Reduth,
2.30); Pool B: Hertfordshire v Berkshire (at
Tabard, 2.30); Pool C: Harmoshire v Kent
(at US Portsmouth, 2.30); Surrey v
Buckinghamshire (at Imber Court) Pool D:
Devon v Middleses, (at Tiverton, 2.0);
Oxtordshire v Sombreal (at Banbury, 2.30);
CHELTENHAM & GLOUCESTER CUP-Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

Child Tenh Mark & GLOUCESTER CUP-Group B: Oreil v Rotherham. Group C: Sale v Bristol (1.0). Group D: Cambridge University v Blackheath; London Scotlish v Bediord (11.30). Bediord (11.30).

JEWSON NATIONAL LEAGUE: Second division south: North Weishern v Mer Police (2.30).

SRU TENNENT'S PREMIERSHIP. First division: Boroughmuir v Herror's FP (2.0); Currie v Wiest of Scotland (2.0), Edinburgh Acads: v Meince (2.0), Jed-Forest v Watsonians (2.0); Sirring County v Hewick (2.0). Second division: Bigger v Klimannock (2.0); Gelas v Kingady (2.0); Glasgow Hawks: v Dundee HSFP (2.0); Kulso v Preston Lodge (2.0); Museablurgh v Papilies (2.0); Third division: Abardison (SPP v Stewartry (2.0); Ayr v Seburk (2.0); Glasgow Southern v Hillhead/Jordankid (2.0); Glasgow Southern v Hillhead/Jordankid (2.0); Stewart's Mahille FP v Grangemouth (2.0).

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: European championship: Semi-finat: England v Spain (at Plymouth Payllons).

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Pavilions;
BOXING: World Boxing Organisation and International Boxing Federation intercontinental light-weiterweight championship: J Transon (Norwich, holder) v R BRus (Lat) (at Norwich Sports Village). CE HOCKEY: Superior Sports Villege).
ICE HOCKEY: Superior Notingham
Panthars v Besingstoke Blach (7.0);
Bracknell Bees v Ayr Scottish Eagles (6.0)
RACING: Haydock Park (1.05); Newbury
(12.45); Newcastle (12.10); Warwick
(12.30); Watverhampton (AW, 7.0). SNOOKER: Liverpool Victoria UK champ-lonship (in Presion)

SUNDAY FOOTBALL FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal v Uverpool (4.0); Menchester United v Blackburn. SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Final: Celfic v Dundae United (al Ibrox, 3.0). RUGBY UNION TOUR MATCH: Saracens v Tonge XV (3.0). TETLEY'S BITTER COUNTY CHAMP-IONSHIP: South: Pool B: Dorset and Witshire v Gioucsstershire (at Bourne-mouth, 230). PROBING 2 OUT.

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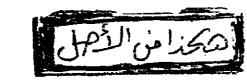
Group A: West Harriepool v Pylde (3.0).

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ICE HOCKEY: Superfeegue: Sheffield
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Devis v Bracknell Boes (7.0). Benson and
Hedges Cup: Final: Carolif Devis v Ayr
Scotten Eagles (7.0). Express Cup:
Manchester Storm (6.0); Besingstoke Sison v Ayr Scotten Eagles (6.0).
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of green pastures FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN SOTOGRANDE

> RUSSIA, Winston Churchill once said, "is a riddle wrapped inside a mystery inside an enigma". There are no such complexities about Alexander Strunkin, who sounds as though he should be living in a village an hour's drive from Moscow writing novels about people who would rather be somewhere else. In fact, Strunkin is Russia's first professional golfer and the first to play well enough to compete at the European qualifying school. As there are only 300 nativeborn Russian golfers, you might say that Strunkin is the

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Czar of them. So the Russians are a rising force in professional golf in Europe, da? Well, actually, niet. Or rather not yet.

"In 20 years' time, perhaps we dominate," Denis Zhereb-ko, 23, joked. "Not now, not yet." Despite his tender years, Zherebko is president of the newly-formed National Federation of Professional Golfers in Russia and is the country's second-best player.

Strunkin, who took up the game only eight years ago, is

PER-ULRIK JOHANSSON

was forced to withdraw from

the final round of the World

Cup of Golf at Kiawah Island,

South Carolina, yesterday after he was detained in

Johansson, who, with

Joakim Haeggman, his part-

ner, had taken Sweden into

fourth place in the tourna-

ment, first fell ill in Atlanta

two weeks ago and, on Thurs-

day, after his first round,

complained of feeling tired

before collapsing in the club-

house. He was out on a saline

drip and had various tests, but doctors were not able to diag-

Although still feeling ill, Johansson had a score of 74 in

the second round and 71

yesterday, but then suffered a

Johansson was lying thir-

teenth in the race for the

individual title after three

rounds. Haeggman was fifth

relapse on Saturday night. He the Ireland duo of Padraig

lives in Marbella, but was Harrington and Paul

flying back to Sweden to be McGinley, whose combined with his family and to undergo score was 136. Cejka had a

nose the problem."

further examination.

hospital for observation.

frank almost to the point of fierceness about his strengths and weaknesses. "Technically, I am very bad," he said. "I have very little experience. Sometimes, I am good; sometimes, I am very bad." His play bears out this realistic

Solitary Russian

long way short

assessment He has a strong grip, with his left hand showing more knuckles than it should, and his right hand well under-

neath the shaft. If this sounds suspiciously like Bernhard Langer's grip, then Strunkin's pre-shot routine looks suspiciously like Langer's too. His swing is wooden, as if composed of 28 separate movements that are not always joined together as smoothly as they should be. Sometimes, as on the short 7th and the 9th in his third round, he hits strokes that would embarrass an amateur. Both rose no more than

in the final round.

really have much of a clue

what it is. The most likely

cause is some kind of bronchi-

tis. His pulse and heart rates

are up and he has some

They said he could play if

inflammation on his chest.

he felt well enough, but Per

was a little worried and we

decided at about lam not to

play. He started feeling dizzy

after dinner and would have

fainted again if he had not sat

Alex Cejka and Sven

Struver, of Germany, held the

lead at the beginning of the

final day after a combined round of 132, 12 under par-

They led by two strokes from

round of 65 while Struver shot

a 67. "We both played great golf today," Cejka said. "I was hitting good shots to the green

and making the putts."

a couple of feet off the ground. size and fraying at the edges. By following rounds of 85 and 74 with an 80 at San Johansson forced Roque yesterday, Strunkin is certain to miss the 72-hole guillotine that will fall tomorrow night and eliminate all to pull out of cup but the leading 75 players. Strunkin began brightly enough, getting a birdie at the 1st, but was to have only one and opted to play on his own other, on the 16th. He finished Nick Green, Johansson's with two sixes, thereby dropagent, said: "The doctors don't ping three shots in two holes.

parts, mental and technical."

Zherebko, who is caddying for

Strunkin, said. We have a

problem in our head. We have

to practise more. In practice,

we are two under, then one

over. In tournaments, we are

ten over and then play five holes in two under. We need

more tournaments, more

practice, more coaching,

There is a professional at the

Moscow Country Club, but he is too busy with the members

It might have something to do with roubles. Strunkin and

Zherebko not only have diffi-

culty in getting equipment;

they have to depend on the generosity of the members at

the Moscow Country Club, the

course designed by Bobby

Trent Jones and opened three

vears ago, to allow them to go

Though both are dressed as

young golfers the world over,

the sight of Strunkin's bag is

revealing. Whereas those of

his playing partners were enormous, the size of small

trunks, Strunkin's is half their

abroad to compete.

to teach us."

finished in the greenside Strunkin, 23 over par, is 31 strokes behind Michael Campbell, the tournament leader, who finished his round of 67 at Guadalmina yesterday with three successive birdies. The Russians may be coming, but they have not yet arrived.

☐ Andrew Coltart, of Scotland, despite a final round of 76. won the Australian PGA Championship over the New South Wales links by four shots yesterday, when only three players managed to break par in the strong north-

At the 18th, his second shot

easterly wind. Coltart, 27, led by five shots entering the final round, after his 66 on Saturday. finished with a total of 285, three under par, to pick up a prize of £38,000. It was his first win since he took the same title in 1994 and these are his only tournament victories.



Strunkin, the Russian No 1, plays to the 7th green during yesterday's round of 80

Watson rolls back years and proves he is still big in Japan

TEN years ago, Tom Watson, one of the all-time golfing greats, winner of eight major championships and inveterate holer of clutch putts, was at the start of a slump that would have destroyed lesser

Yesterday, at 48, he was beaming in the sunshine here, the winner of the Dunlop Phoenix Tournament, Japan's richest event and one of its most coveted.

Watson, who took the first prize of Y35 million (around £162,500) and regained the title that he won in 1980, broke a nine-year drought on the US Tour last year when he won the Memorial Tournament. He is revered here and the defeat of Jumbo Ozaki, the Japan No I, who will be 51 in January and who had not lost here since 1994, was accepted

Watson was never headed from the moment that he rolled home a 20st putt for a birdie at the par-four 1st to move to nine under par, one shot ahead of Craig Parry, the FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN MIYAZAKI, JAPAN

Japan Open champion, from Australia, who had shared the lead after 54 holes. The American admitted that his short putting was suspect, as usual, but he was hitting the ball well and a seven-iron at the 8th, from the depths of the 270-year old Japanese black pines that line the course, was nominated as his shot of the



Watson: two-shot victory

"I had 140 yards to the hole," Watson said, "and I had to bend the ball about 30 yards. I hit a big shrimp hook — a tempura — and it ran up to eight feet. That was fun and I'll remember that shot for-

He missed the birdie putt, but was helped by the fact that Ozaki had three successive bogeys from the 12th and that Parry did not have his first birdie until the 16th and followed it with a double bogey at the short 17th. That left Watson free to stroll up the last, a par five that he played studiously in regula-

His round of 70, one under par, gave him a total of 275, nine under, two shots clear of Ozaki's brother, Joe, and three ahead of Parry. Jumbo Ozaki shared fourth place, on Olazábal, the leading Euro-

Lee Westwood tied for 21st place and Darren Clarke, his Europe Ryder Cup teammate, was joint-tenth.

ICE HOCKEY

goaltending. In the three games played on Saturday,

somebody forgot to tell the

players. At Basingstoke, par-

ticularly, it was as though the

clock had been turned back

ten years and there were goals

The Bison beat Sheffield

Steelers 10-7 to become the

first team to run up a double-

figure score in the league this season. Peter Woods, the

Basingstoke coach, signed

Matt Sharrers and released

Chris Maybury and one has to

wonder if the realisation that

nobody is indispensable acted

as an incentive for the rest of

They worked like demons,

led 6-1 at the end of the first

period and sent the first-choice

Sheffield goaltender Piero

Greco, to the bench after a

shaky performance, which

culminated in an argument

with the referee. That earned

Greco a penalty and saw the

Bison score their fifth goal in

Cardiff Devils and Ayr Scot-

the resultant power-play.

the team.

PASSING THE INSIDE THE BUSINESS OF SPORT

Growing pains force clubs to widen horizons

So, Newcastle United have dropped plans for a new 55,000-

No, no. Thar's not the case.

But the club has submitted plans to expand St James' Park to a capacity of more than 50,000.

Yes, but according to Freddie Fletcher, the chief executive, these plans are not mutually exclusive. It is just that United are "sensitive" to the environmental concerns of the Castle Leazes plan.

People don't want a football stadium on one of the few stretches of parkland in central Newcastle.

So the club has learnt sensitivity?

Not exactly. It has learnt that while it might browbeat Newcastle City Council, largely by threatening to relocate to Gateshead if Castle Leazes was not approved, this scheme has to go to the Government office for the North East, which might block it. The club may be bigger than the City, but not

So it is covering its bases by putting in plans to expand St James' Park.

Exactly - and planning permission for that could be through by the summer.

So why did United go through this whole new stadium

Because expanding an existing stadium is expensive, difficult to complete and usually involves cutting capacity while the work goes on. However, United claim they can complete the work, which will involve taking the roof off St James' and building an extra tier, and still pack 36,500 screaming Geordies into the ground every match.

And Coventry are leaving Highfield Road, I hear.

They are planning a 40,000-seat stadium with a retractable roof and a removable pitch by the M6. It will cost around £80 million and Coventry are talking about floating on the stock market once the scheme is under way.

But are 40,000 people going to turn up to watch Coventry? Not every week, but it will sell out for up to half a dozen matches - such as Manchester United, Aston Villa. Liverpool, Arsenal and Chelsea, Also the retractable roof and pitch mean it can be turned into a concert venue.

Oh yes. Caspian Group, which owns Leeds United, has plans

to build a 20,000-seat arena next door to Elland Road. It is setting up an ice hockey team, wants a bastketball team and plans all-week entertainment on the site. And where has this got to?

Er, well. Leeds City Council is in favour of the scheme. It's

just that Caspian is a little short of the £60 million it needs for

And aren't Arsenal moving as well? Could be. They want to expand Highbury by knocking down 50 neighbouring houses. Local residents are not happy, but Arsenal say that, if their plans are blocked, they will build a

new stadium at either King's Cross or Alexandra Palace. So it's goodbye to the marble halls then.

Not so fast. This looks like an attempt to twist Islington omich's arm into allowing the l-r whole process is being complicated by attempts by Engligh Heritage to have the East Stand at Highbury listed as a building of architectural merit.

JASON NISSÉ

SPEEDWAY

Promoters may suffer triple blow

BY TONY HOARE

AS PROMOTERS flew to the Canary Islands for their annual conference, alarm bells were ringing at home, with three clubs doubtful about whether they would operate in

The British Speedway Promoters' Association headed for Lanzarote to formulate plans with news that Receivers have been called in at Long Eaton Stadium, where the Invaders team are tenants, because of losses incurred by stock car meetings there. At Stoke, promoters put their entire operation up for sale. The Potters were newcomers to the Premier League, speedway's second division, last season and suffered poor results and low crowds.

Yet the club with the worst survival prospects is Glasgow, where speedway was re-introduced last season after missing the 1996 campaign. Neil Macfarlane, the promoter, who led them to the league and cup double in 1993 and 1994, said the club is unlikely to continue and cancelled his trip to the conference. The owners of Shawfield Stadium, the home track of Glasgow, backed the club in 1997, but low attendances have forced a rethink. "It is unlikely Glasgow will

re-open in 1998. There has always been apathy from Glasgow speedway supporters." Macfarlane said. "The club needed to attract 800 people to break even, but the crowd occasionally dipped as low as 500. There has been a cancer eating away at Glasgow speedway for years and it is now terminally ill."

The Elite League also needs to recruit clubs after the withdrawal of Bradford and the possibility of Peterborough stepping down.

BOXING: FOREMAN RETIRES AS BRITONS SUFFER CONFLICTING FORTUNES

Lewis cautious about April title meeting with Holyfield

forward with cautious optimism to a bout with Evander Holyfield for the undisputed world heavyweight champion-ship early next year. Politics had threatened to bedevil the World Boxing Council (WBC) champion's plans to meet Holyfield, who holds the World Boxing Association (WBA) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) titles, but Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, said yesterday that a way had been found around

Maloney said that Panos Eliades, the head of Panix, the promotion company behind Holyfield's promoter, had had talks over the weekend and it was likely that a deal would be signed early next week.

"The body of the car is ready," Maloney said. "All that is needed is to put the nuts and bolts in place."

It had been reported that an American judge had said that Holyfield must meet the winner of the bout between Orlin Norris and Henry Akinwande by June 28. Maloney said that American lawyers had studied the judge's order and were of the opinion that there would be no objection to the unification contest being staged before the June date. King and

By Srikumar Sen BOXING CORRESPONDENT

Eliades have already pencilled in April for the bout, which will most likely be staged in Las Vegas. With the paucity of credible

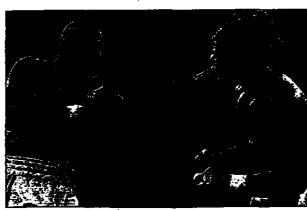
opponents in the heavyweight division for Lewis and Holyfield, the victory of Shannon Briggs over George Fore-man at Atlantic City on Saturday will have been welcomed. Foreman, despite his 49 years, has always been regarded as a good test for heavy-weights coming up. Briggs is one of the names on the list of leading opponents for Lewis drawn up by HBO, the American cable television company.

favour was announced. "This is my last fight," he said. "I have had a wonderful career. You just can't go on and on. I'm happy I'm not hurt. I'm almost 50." Foreman was undisputed champion from 1973 to 1974. He lost his title to Muham-

mad Ali in Zaire. He retired in 1977, but ten years later came back as a preacher-puncher. He won the WBA and IBF titles by knocking out Michael Moorer in 1994. He was subsequently stripped of the title and never recovered form. In a career of 81 contests, he had only five defeats.

tirement immediately after the

majority verdict in Briggs's



Briggs slips safely inside a left jab from Foreman

First defeat brings call for rethink

IF Lennox Lewis's hopes of boxing for the undisputed heavyweight championship of the world were looking bright yesterday, the prospects of another Lewis, Ady, at the other end of the scale were causing some concern to his friends and admirers (Srikumar Sen writes).

The British and Commonwealth flyweight champion from Bury suffered his first defeat in 15 contests when he was stopped in four rounds by David Guerault, of France, the European champion. Lewis, who is the smallest

British champion at 4ft 1012 in, was facing an opponent ten inches taller, not eight inches as had been presumed before the bout. The Englishman simply could not get close enough to the quick-moving champion to land a solid blow to slow him down. Lewis appeared also to lack the strength to force his way through.

Jack Doughty, his manager, blamed his performance on too much boxing in the past 12 months. Lewis won the Central Area title, the British and the Commonwealth crown and defended the British title twice before challenging for the European. Doughty is thinking of moving him back up to bantamweight

tish Eagles are due to meet in the final of the Benson & Hedges Cup in Sheffield at the end of next week and the Devils, besides gaining two valuable league points, scored a psychological blow with a 7-4 win in Scotland. The forward line of Ken Hodge, Steve Thornton and Ivan Matulik was in sparkling form and contributed three goals and six assists.

Nottingham Panthers also caught the goalscoring bug and beat Newcastle Cobras 8-3 to end the Cobras' brief run of success under their new coach, Dale Lambert



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Times competition grows ever more popular for a heat was on board the P & O cruise

THE second year of The Times Midland Private Banking National Bridge Chall-enge is already proving a roaring success largely because of the new social category, which has been specially tailored to suit social and rubber bridge players with little or no experience of

competitive bridge.
With a P & O bridge cruise for two as one of the many prizes on offer, it is ironic that the most exotic location so far

ship Oriana. In the Atlantic Ocean, near qualify for the final stages of the competition. Leading the way were Charles and Elsie Spence, from Aberdeen, and Ron and May Cowpland,

from Sussex. Both pairs will be hoping to earn a repeat voyage via the finals One pair that will not be challenging

men's winners last year, Robert Hogan Casablanca, 84 players attempted to and Tom Gunn, who failed to shine in the heat, held at the Jarvis London Embassy Hotel

While this year's competition has already exceeded the first in terms of entries, there are still two months left in which to organise a heat. Full information may be obtained by calling Chicago Bridge Promotions on 0181-942 9506.

RACING: STOUTE SEALS SEASON WITH SECOND JAPAN CUP WIN

Pilsudski produces perfect finish to notable career

By OUR RACING STAFF

PILSUDSKI rounded off his glorious career in the best possible fashion with a victory in the valuable Japan Cup at Tokyo racecourse yesterday. Right to the last, the admira-

ble five-year-old, sent off at odds of 3.6-1, demonstrated his gameness, holding off the home-trained Air Groove by a neck after a tremendous tussle to collect the £882,096 first

Pilsudski's victory was another feather in the cap of Michael Stoute, who prepared Singspiel to win the same race 12 months ago. It has sealed a wonderful year for Stoute.

RICHARD EVANS Nap: Wandering Light

(1.20 Ludlow) Wandering Light, who carries the famous Arkle colours, won a novice chase in taking style at Worcester and top weight should not stop him following up on his handicap debut at Ludlow today.

Next Best: Castle Owen (3.50 Ludlow)

who is the leading British trainers abroad as well as winning the domestic title.

"I am very fortunate to win with two determined and wonderful horses. They are both amazingly courageous and without that courage neither would have won." he said. "I always thought that Pilsudski had a very good chance, but I knew we were up against tough competition and I didn't underestimate his task at the

end of a long season." Racing in mid-division, slightly further back than his jockey Mick Kinane had intended, Pilsudski was travelling well turning into the straight. He responded in great style, striking the front in the final 100 yards and galloping on well to hold Air Groove. Bubble Gum Fellow, the favourite, was a further 14 lengths back in third.

The German raider. Caitano, fared the best of the other overseas challengers.



Pilsudski, ridden by Kinane, stays on strongly to land yesterday's Japan Cup

finishing fast to take fourth. Ireland's Oscar Schindler was slightly disappointing and had to settle for eighth, while Luca Cumani's Mons had every chance two furlongs out but was soon beaten and came home tenth.

Kinane said: "He was cruising turning into the straight and I knew I had the horse with finishing speed. But I thought Air Groove might beat me when she came past me one furlong out and I had to rally Pilsudski and go at her again. It was tough."

Pilsudski returns to Newmarket this week, but the

Precedent is in Japan. He has been bought by the Japanese Breeders' Association and will be retired to one of their stud

Laura Weinstock, whose BIG-RACE DETAILS

JAPAN CUP (Group | 9897,174, 1m 4f) 1, PILSUDSKI M J Kinane 2, Air Groove Y Take 3, Bubble Gum Fellow Y Okabe ALSO RAN Cartano (4th). Silk Justice (5th). Astarabad (6th). Tsukutoa Sym-phony. Oscar Schindler, Rosen Kavalier. Mons, Royal Touch, Sbony Grosse, Snow Fortesure, Talki Farthan 14 ann All 1841

father-in-law, Lord Weinstock, owns Pilsudski, said: "The win is very special because we have had him a long time and are very attached to the

Mons was reluctant to enter the stalls but had every chance before fading in the closing stages. His jockey, John Reid, said: "The incident at the starting gate did not contribute to his defeat. He settled up with the pace but the difference in ability in the straight was obvious."

Oscar Schindler was never in contention and his rider, Cash Asmussen, reported him to be over the top.

THUNDERER

(£1,898: 2m) (11 runners)

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Jockey Club left barely scratched by Cutting Edge

By CHRIS McGrath

THOSE who have seen trailers for The Englishman and His Horse, a Cutting Edge documentary about racecourse stewards, to be screened by Channel 4 tomorrow night, will be nervously anticipating a goring for the image of British racing. In the event, however, it largely escapes with a few scratches.

Certainly, unprecedented access has allowed the programme's makers to give flesh and blood to the widespread assumption that some of England's grandest men and women shame themselves with a complacent and patronising attitude behind the closed doors

of a stewards' inquiry.
This should come as no surprise, in that they conduct themselves in similar fashion outside the stewards' room. Equally, however, it becomes evident that there are those who volunteer their time to the racing public and their hides to the racing press, through a genuine sense of honour and social responsibility.

Efforts to discredit the Jockey Club by associating the sport's residual feudality with the shortcomings of some of its officials prove too clumsy to register a palpable hit, Instead, one sees honest, anxious people attempting a fair application of the rules of racing.

The Englishman and His Horse was the parting flourish of David Pipe, former director of public affairs at the Jockey Club. It is evident that the doors to what he calls the sport's "inner sanctum" were prised open with some trepidation and while Portman Square is certainly prey to unneces-sary paranoia about the invasion of its privacy - it is soon evident why.

The film opens with a succession of its subjects introducing themselves, privileged men counting their blessings, while Lambourn stable lads are

shown commencing their shivering dawn labours. Next, those who know their racing will recognise, in the person of Peter Walwyn, a man who blends extreme conservatism with his own chaotic individualism, and a trainer lovably unrepresentative of his colleagues. One doubts whether Mick Easterby would have been of much value to the makers

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of this programme... Likewise, their visit to the Countryside Rally in Hyde Park savours the sight of Michael Heseltine's audience at the expense, for instance, of the incisive wisdom offered to the crowd by

Coome Hill is doubtful for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday. Winner of the race last year, he has not yet recovered from a pulled muscle and knocked-out vertebra sustained when third to Banio at Cheltenham recently.

an authentic racing man in Sir Mark Prescott.

Viewers will justly cringe at the "headmaster's study" atmosphere to the inquiries themselves. Russell Price. whose selfless evidence makes for the most edifying feature of the whole film. and Frankie Dettori stand to attention, hands clasped behind their backs. Dettori, a supreme athlete at the peak of his profession, is required to deport himself with uncharacteristic meekness as a panel of amateurs chide his errors. He must call them "sir", though he could probably buy a merchant bank from any of them.

Yet one is left to conclude that their varying levels of personal conceit will not especially impede the justice tions. It also shows how, beneath the stiff exterior of some English people simmers an authentic passion for the horse.

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Albernine 21i 4th of 7 to Lansdowne in constituted todays claiming hardle at Plampton (2m 4t, solt) Brightstone best Coeur Salaming hardle at Plampton (2m 4t, solt) Brightstone best Coeur With Haydlown (5th better off) 133 3rd and Irish Sea (6th better off) headen a distance 5th Seam On best Albernine (6th better off) neck in 7-numer claiming hardle at Plampton (2m 1f, good). Aal El Aal 11 2nd of 5 to Mraticil in handleap chase at Hurdingdon (2m 11 topd, good to soft). Neverold 7 and of 9 to Memory's Mratic in selling handleap hardle at Towcester (2m; good to soft). My Roland 32 5th of 12 to Golden Melody in novice selling hardle at Warwack (2m; good to fam).

BRIGHSTONE backed up at Newton Abbol and looks a good thing to follow up

1.20 MILES MACADAM NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,178: 3m) (11 runners)

7.0. SHI | 11 UNDERS)

SCIOL 1 WANDERSES LISHT 12 (D.B.S) Dusbess at Meetroniste's Forster 8-12-0 B. Johnson ISSUP. COLD. RAMEET 277 (B.S) (C. Noct) Mrs. S. Rock 7-13-13 6 Bradley (30-PO FRESICK BUCK 17 (B.S) (Mrs. C. South N. Teston-Obsics 7-11-6 C. Usunding - 5-1P172 SAXON MEAN 17 (C.F) (F. Caberryon) F. Problem 7-11-6 B. Powell 54071 NO GBN 17 (P. No. 8 Romany Pathership) A. J. Wilson 8-11-2 P. Carberry 3002-23 FREND 15 (BF) (P. Mahlmon) K. Balley 6-10-6 N. Wilsonson ASSU-7 (C.ONTOLINE) 15 (D.S) (Art. S. Mrs. J. Poyelon) J. Wilsonson 5-10-3 A. P. McClay 12P14-1 HDFFEDANTE 8 (D.S) (Mr Pathre) T. George 7-10-0 T. J. Manghay PREPRY BORD HEL 1889 (B. N. SOUTH MRS. 5-10-0 N. W. Marskon 0473545 TOTAL ASSET 17 (T. Fodes) A. Forbes 7-10-0 Gary Lyons PRPAY MINITEL LERK SSAP (D.F.) P. Andrews J. Bardley 12-10-0 D. J. Konsangh (S.) Long handican: Total Assat 9-13, Match Latt 9-10.

BETTING: 11-8 Wandwing Light, 11-2 Same March, 6-1 France, 7-1 Cloricusa, 8-1 West N

Wandering Light beal Heavy Cone 9 in 10-numer nowice chase at Worcester (2m 7r 110yd, good). Section Mead 13t 2nd of 8 to Glamanojitiz in novice handicap chase at Universiter (2m 5t, good) with Total Asset (13th better off) 25; 55th, Worl-No 6in (Jeves) 50 6th and Feach Buck (2h better off) 53; 7th, Frenc 10l 3nd of 6 to Grundon in novice handicap chase at Ludiew (2m, good) WANDERING LIGHT is open to any amount of improvement and looks a banker

1.50 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

1	0450	. MAPENDONG DANGER 21F (Quitagh Construction) K Endonater 4-11-18 D Bridgester	
2		HEART 12 (C & S Brastier) Mass H Kraylet 4-11-0	
3		MOTAN MECTAR 48 (Mrs C Hammar) R Brothstan 4-10-11 L Harvey	
4	464-P	CONSECULUP 5 (bil Caver) J Bradley 6-10-8 Mass V Roberts (7)	_
5	232	BERYLLIGHT 19 (M. Jones) M. Pipe 3-10-6 A P MesCoy	1
8	142515	LE SRAND GOUSER 39 (B.BF.D.F) (Mrs S Daves) R J Price 3-10-6 A Magaine	-
7		MARGI 800 7 (S B Razing) M Sieppard 4-10-4 R Johason	
8	150FP-4	NORTH END LAUY 14 (O.F. 11 Sulfaço) Mrs. L. James 6-10-2 . J. R. Xavaraqua	
9		TODD 12 (A Haner) A H Haney 6-10-1 J A McCarthy	
10	33120	REAL PRE 17 (D.F) (M. Samders) N. Masgher 3-10-1 R. Thornson (3)	
11	OFF-6	SHAMMEY 13 (C Biggley Parjaceship Ltd) D McCain 4-10-0	
12	0030-05	BE BY SPACE 16 (T Balley) Mass P White 6-10-0 W Marston	
13	050P-63	OUT OF THE BLUE 12 (Ni Editor) 44 Editory 5-70-0 Sophic Machell (5)	-

ndicap: Standay 9-11, Be in Space-9-9, fluit Di The Sive 9-5.

BERYLLUMM was a decent Fial horse and looks to have got in on a favourable mark

2.20 VISCOURT BOYNE MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,420: 3m 3i 110yd) (7 runners)

-114112 MUTIAL ASPREMENT 12 (BF.F.G.S) (E Date) P Nicholes 10-11-10 L Cucanios (S) 120 149341 THE WRIGE HOS 7 (D.F.) (Mrs. H. Dates) K Balley 8-11-5 (Pc) N. Williamson 114 61P0-41 SLOCOPHIL 13 (B.D.G.S.) (2) Michaels J J O'Reil 8-11-5 P. Carberry 117 2P4-322 MISSIE BEBO 80 (D.F.S) (Reils R. Becker 7-70-4 P. Bell VETMA BAY 24 (C.F.) (Mrs. M. De Outobry) Mrs. A Health 8-10-0 S. Wyang 40(30- CAMP BANK 387 (Mrs. J Manuel) N. Iveston-Camps 7-10-0 C. Lieredyn Park 387 (Mrs. J Mrs. A Health 8-10-0 C. Lieredyn Park 387 (Mrs. J Mrs. A Health 8-10-0 C. Lieredyn Park 387 (Mrs. J Mrs. A Health 8-10-0 C. Lieredyn Park 387 (Mrs. J Mrs. A Health 8-10-0 C. Lieredyn Park 387 (Mrs. J Mrs. A Health 8-10-0 C. Lieredyn Park 387 (Mrs. J Mrs. A Health 8-10-0 C. Lieredyn Park 387 (Mrs. J Mrs. A Health 8-10-0 C. Lieredyn Park 387 (Mrs. J Mrs. A Health 8-10-0 C. Lieredyn Park 387 (Mrs. J Mrs. A Health 8-10-0 C. Lieredyn Park 387 (Mrs. J Mrs. A Health 8-10-0 C. Lieredyn Park 387 (Mrs. J Mrs. A Health 8-10-0 C. Lieredyn Park 387 (Mrs. A Health 8-10-0 C. Lieredyn Park 3

BETTIMES: 2-1 Statestical, 9-4 Maturi Agreement, 7-2 The Whole Hong, 18-1 Cases Basic, Bellynchastd, 16-1 others

(12,495: 2m) (21)

501 12 R.YING HORTH 44 (D.F) Mis: M. Reveley 4-10-12 . A. Thombon 502 ALPNE HIDEAWAY 19F M. W. Essterly 4-10-12 . A. Thombon 503 ANTARCTIC STORM 15F R Fabry 4-10-12 . J. Callagham 504 3 ECHROXK 84 H. Johnson 4-10-12 . J. Callagham 63 34 CELEBRATION CAME 27F Mrs. M. Reveley 5-10-12 6. Lanc (2) 505 0 DAMEA 60 M. Mezon 5-10-12 . R. Genest 63 505 0 DAMEA 60 M. Mezon 5-10-12 . R. Sepple 70 508 U. FLOWER MILLER 6 (8) D. Barber 4-10-12 . D. Berrilley 5-100 U. FLOWER MILLER 6 (8) D. Barber 4-10-12 . D. Berrilley 5-100 U. F. Mark RED. 2017 J. FLOSTING 5-10-12 . E. Lestry (30 100 5-11 56 KNAYTON KNIGHT 52 J. Jetterson 4-10-12 . F. Lestry (30 100 5-11 56 KNAYTON KNIGHT 52 J. Jetterson 4-10-12 . F. Callaghan (3) 5-13 0 MONIS 11 B. Blacke 6-10-12 . D. Parter 67 5-13 0 MONIS 11 B. Blacken 6-10-12 . D. Parter 67 5-15 009 W. GODSON 6 M. Dods 2-10-12 . M. Smith 5-15 009 P. FRANTON HEART 225 H. Alexander 5-10-12 . M. Smith 5-15 009 P. FRANTON HEART 225 H. Alexander 5-10-12 . M. Smith 5-15 009 P. FRANTON HEART 225 H. Alexander 5-10-12 . W. Dwan 65 5-17 RASKIN CHARGE 475 R. Crages 6-10-12 . W. Dwan 65 5-18 J. SULANDAMARIA 52 J. Berting 4-10-12 . B. Stray 5-17 00 YOUR 114 L. Barth 16 J. Pasters 4-10-12 . S. Ryan (6) 9-4 Frysin North 11-4 Archartic Storm, 13-2 Celebragion Cale, 7-1 Jara Red, 10-1 varadum Ove, 14-1 Bedrock, 16-1 Agree History, 74-1 others. Mutural Agreement 21 2nd of 4 to Laughing Fontaine in novice handicap chase at Newbury (3m. good to firm). The Whole Hog beat Alastan Heir 21 in 3-mmer handicap chase at Leicester (2m 7 110yd, good to firm). Sideoffiel beat Tudor Fellow 41 in 8-numer handicap chase at Sedgefield (3m 3f. good). Misster Sebb 114i 2nd of 4 to Genry's Phide in handicap handica deliveration (2m 4f. good). Carrip Bank 32i 7th of 9 to Potter's Bay in novice handicap chase at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good). THE WHOLE HOS was cruising for most of the way at Laicester and can win again

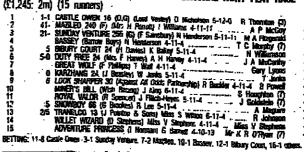
2.50 BUCKNELL NOVICES HURDLE (\$2,348 2m 5i 110yd) (8 numers)

Albermarie tell in novice hurdle at Chapstow (3m, good to solt).
Churchtown Glen 351 7th of 17 to Muskhill in MH flat race at Bangor (2m 11, good) with Severn Reef (levels) 691 16th Dark Orchard beaten a distance 8th of 11 in Department of sold in movice hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good to soil) Michigan Bise 221 48th of 6 to Rowington in novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 41 110yd, good to firm) Fotescient 461 5dr of 8 to Mickes in novice hurdle at Ludice (2m, good). ··· ALBEMARLE is well thought of and this is a poor race

3.20 NOVEMBER NOVICES CHASE (£2,918: 2m) (7 RINNERS) 42/654- GET REAL 247 (S) (Framer Heat-Instituted) N Henderson 6-11-2 M A Reposted D44553 JUST RIN A REASON 17 (D.5) (A Price) R Juckes 5-11-2 Gary Lyons 27/99-2 MARMAULANE 32 MAS C Black 14th C Black 7-11-2 S Wysner 23120-4 ROYN, EVENT 18 (D.5.) (I Whitely) D Gardelle 6-11-2 A Magnati 15122-2 STEP ON EPTRE 10 (D.5.) (Declares of Winstantister) Transfer 7-17-2 R Johannon (SEPP4- NOLIWINE 238 (S) (F Magnate 19 Walters 10-16-11) — Misse E James (7) (0022-1 MSAR 51 (D.6) (Justy Upr) Webters) C Brooks 4-10-5 — Mess E James (7) (0022-1 MSAR 51 (D.6) (Justy Upr) Webters) C Brooks 4-10-5 — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 7-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 7-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 7-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 7-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 7-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 7-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 7-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 7-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 7-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 7-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 7-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 7-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 7-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 8-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 8-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 8-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 8-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 8-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 8-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 8-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 8-2 Stem to Face 7-2 Control (A) (19-4-1) — G Brookley MS 9-44 Mess 8-2 S BETTING: 9-4 Histor. 5-2 Step On Eyre, 7-2 Get Real, 6-1 Royal Event, 7-1 Manaulana, 20-1 others.

Get Real 12! 4th of 18 to Quality in novice hardle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good). Just For A Reason 28! 3rd of 6 to Listen Timmy in Northern Starlight in novice chase at Ludou (2m 4t, good in firm). Royal Event 31! 4th of 8 to Wilde Music in novice chase at Ludou (2m 4t, good in firm). Royal Event 31! 4th of 8 to Wilde Music in novice chase at Descester (2m 110yd, good to soit). Step On Eyre 1! 2nd of 8 to Domiteavethenesi in novice chase at Easter (2m 3t, good to soit). Histor best Kedge Anchor Mae 3! in 9-nurver novice hardle at Literature (2m, good). ROYAL EVENT will improve a good deal for his reappearance

3.50 LEGAMINSTER STANDARD OPEN MATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE



Castle Owen heal Mite Equal 71 in NH flat race at Wincanton (2m., yord). Muzileo beat Nathauts Sar 21 m maden NH flat at Needon NH flat race at Folkestone (2m 11 110hd, good). Belowy Court 291 5th of 17 to Nestolal in NH flat race at Folkestone (2m 11 110hd, good). Belowy Court 291 5th of 17 to Nestolal in NH flat race at Market Resear (2m 11 110hd, good) with Karathang (devels) 477 11th and Duty Proc (genes) 555 12th. Look Shanner 23 6th of 17 to Beltsound in NH flat race at Market Resear (im 51 110hd, good). Showeboy (81 5th of 11 to Lain Nisdees in NH flat race at Ludlow (2m., yood). CASTLE OWEN is potentially swant and can dely a double penalty

COURSE SPECIALISTS 53 26.4 58 21.2 24 20.8 100 20.0 27 18.5

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Rufo. 1.30 Newlands Come: 2.00 Mayflower. 2.30 Double Edged. 3.00 Pinup. 3.30 Cruz Santa.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

12.00 SOLOMAN HANDICAP (Div I: £1,944: 1m) (16 runners)

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1 2002 ZADTYO 19 (BJEF) I Shemmoton 3-9-13 ... W J O'Comor 8
2 0040 DOMNO RYER 21 (CD.6.5) Mrs A Senthani 4-9-12 6 Duffield 7
3 -000 SYCAMORE LODGE 6J (6) M Pail 6-9-12 Dean McKeown 15
4 8600 GNO 31 P) I Pouton 3-9-10 ... D Biggs 9
5 0000 PLEASURE TRICK 21 (CD.F.G.) Enrot bocca 6-9-6 Km Trickir 2
6 4642 LEGAL SSUE 7 (BF.D.F.G.5) W Harph 5-9-6 ... A Cultimer 1
7 0000 GENUME -0914 10 (G.) Panise 4-9-4 ... S Whithworth 13
8 5003 AWESOME VENTURE 7 (CD.S) M Chapman 7-9-4 ... S Whithworth 13
9 0506 GODMERSHAM PARK 18 P Felgate 5-9-0 ... G Parish (3) 14
10 2500 LEGEND OF ARAGON 3 (S) 1 Giover 3-8-13 ... G Parish (3) 14
10 2500 LEGEND OF ARAGON 3 (S) 1 Giover 3-8-13 ... G Parish (3) 14
10 10 10 PM RI AMBES 19 (D.) J.F. Bowenonder 7-8-8 ... D Guillions (8) 16
13 0656 JIMJARTESR 18 (D.) J.F. Wirkson 4-8-8 ... M Technol 4
14 0050 RISK TOWE 712 1 BIB 4-8-8 ... T G McLaughin 5
15 5606 LOCH STYLE 55 (D.F. R Hothershead 4-8-8 ... W Ryan 6
15 5400 LAS VISTAS 19 H Collengane Vacious 7-1 Legend Ol Acagon, 8-1

12.30 MANWAY HANDICAP (Div | £2.531, 6t) (16)

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10 0003 GWESPYR 10 (F.5) Erect Incrs 1-8-7 ... B entitits (3) 14 Nor Tinder 3 ... R Perham 16 ... C000 DEEPLY 28 (D.G.) P Curses 6-8-6 ... R Perham 16 ... C000 DEEPLY 28 (D.G.) P Curses 4-8-3 ... P Murdy (7) 12 Date 65cca 15 ... SWEST FRE CRISE 6-1 (BC.G.) M Uses 5-7-11 J Marsted 10 ... SWEST FRE CRISE 6-1 (BC.G.) M Uses 5-7-11 N Cartists 6 ... C000 DEARAL EQUATION 33 (C) J Balding 4-7-11 N Cartists 6 ... C000 DIGAA TICKA TRIBNG 94 (GD) B Listery 4-7-10 D O'Shea 2 3-1 Spottern Domenton, 11-2 Maille, 7-1 Shokari, 10-7 Theatre Magne, Gilli Cottage 12-1 Gillu Hays, 14-1 Rockmander, Physiothics, 16-1 others

1.00 MARATHON LIMITED STAKES (£2,294: 1m 3f) (16)

1 0104 PICKEIS 7 (D) Figuro Insta 5-9-4 ... Km Tinkler 6
2 6493 CHADLEIGH LANE 7 (C) A Nationard 5-9-2 ... T Licas 13
2 5005 CHADLY DANCER 7 H Collegator 5-9-2 ... A Cont 14
2 00-0 E. PRESCENTE 7 6 Enterin 4-9-2 ... A Cont 14
5 84-9 EVEZIO RUFO 15J IB.CD.S) Y Ustration 5-9-2 P Roberts (3) 15 6 0200 NORTHERN FAIL 7 IC) 11 Tinder 5-9-2 S Withouth 2 7 5005 RAED 33 Mr. A Sambani 4-9-. S Defined 12 239- TEMPERING 511 ICD (5) 0 Chicman 11-9-2 A Coffiane 11 8 299- TEMPERIS \$11 (CD); 9 Chapman 11-9-2 A Coffision \$11
9 2024 WILDORRE 55 (CD); 9 January 15-9-2 S Sanders 7
10 5003 LAPULAPU 33 (F,S) 11 Canache 4-9-1 L Chamock 5
10 onto JASTERTON 33 (CF); 15 over 3-8-13 S D Williams A
10 6003 WILMSON 35 (E,S) John Geny 3-8-13 Microsoft 19
10 0005 JOLIS PRINTE 67 C (LATA); 3-8-11 Microsoft 19
11 DSD PRINTERO 11 A Some 3-8-11 Dean Micrown 10
12 6003 WILMSON 30 ** excitation 3-8-8 W Ryan 8
13 W Ryan 8

7-2 Latti-Latti 11-2 Abolina, 6-1 Walding, 8-1 Waldmoor, 10-1 Chadlergh Lane Rect. 12-1 Priving Linderstody. 14-1 others

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1.30 MANWAY HANDICAP

3 0090 NAPPER STAR B (V.CD) Nas N Macauley 4-9-10 S Webster 1
4 0003 FAWN 10 A Newcombe 3-9-9
5 5141 MIDDLE ESST 40 (R.D.F.S) T Barron 4-9-1 Kimberley 14-1 (S) 4
6 0050 KALAR 61 (B.CD.F.S) T Barron 4-9-1 Kimberley 14-1 (S) 4
6 0050 KALAR 61 (B.CD.F.S) T Cooperin 8-9-6 A Cultibote 15
7 1603 REWLANDS CORPIER 7 (B.CD.F.) J Mehruss 4-9-4 D Bigs 14
8 2000 REMLANDS CORPIER 7 (B.CD.F.) J Mehruss 4-9-4 D Bigs 14
8 2000 SYLVAND NANCER 40 G Bracey 3-8-11 R Winston (S) 12
9 3000 SYLVAND NANCER 40 G Bracey 3-8-11 D Door McClovert 2
11 -800 TAME 70 R.Y 93 (B.CD) B Mercey 3-8-11 Door McClovert 2
11 -800 NAPOLEON STAR 10 (CD.F.) Mics 3 Case 6-8-1 Date Gibson 7
13 0000 SOLPHENTCIAL 10 (V.CD.F.) Example 1
14 0066 MAPPENTCIAL 10 (V.CD.F.) Example 1
15 4000 MAL BOURDE PRINCESS 7 R Webster 3-7-11 N Cartale 8
16 6540 MAP DEPRESS 88 (F.G.) P Folipate 4-7-10 D Wright 16
4-1 Mattile Esst 5-1 Palo Banco. 8-1 Napler Star, Fayli, Kalar, Newtands Corner.

2.00 SOLOMAN HANDICAP (Div II: £1,944: 1m) (16)

2.30 MIDWAY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,277: 1m) (8)

3.00 BONIN SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0, £1,999: 1m) (16)

2-Y-U. 21,999: 177) (10)

1 4530 RILAWIN 6 (C) S Ican 9-7
2 0530 SILAMO 6RIL 10 (6) D Arbathwol 8-11
3 0000 JOCKWELER 77 b Creamon 8-11
4 0 LE CREMENIA 6 AC Creamon 8-11
5 6065 SHARP MONIXEY 10 VM Mcs. N Macanley 3-1:
6 6103 SILRIMERSEAT 39 G Holme: 8-11
7 0065 ANNOUNCIME PEACE 18 1 Overe 8-5
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7 0060 ANNOUNCIME PEACE 18 1 Overe 8-5
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9 CRICIAMONAVIAGE M Jacoston 8-5
10 5002 DANCE TO THE EEAT 37 M Meside 3-5
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3.30 BOUNTY AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP

(£1,999: 1m 6f) (13)

1 8266 CARTON VENTURE S.I. (£.F.) S. Words, 5-11-7 ... 5 Selects 2
2 9500 CHERC ASSELE 9 (£.F.) S. Words, 5-11-7 ... 5 Selects 2
2 9500 CHERC ASSELE 9 (£.F.) S. Dors 5-10-13 ... R. Carest (5) 7
4 2332 GREENSPAN 7 (BF,C.S.) W. Mart 5-10-13 ... R. Proves (5) 11
5 0301 MIGHT CITY 16 (S.F.) Excluse 8-10-13 ... Hr. S. Bockey 2
6 6300 GOLDEN HADEER 18 (CD.F.) M (Rys. 6-18-10 ... S. Landin (5) 3
7 75-4 YEART 18 A Prescrate 5-10-8 ... Miss R. Cain 10
8 0334 TOLTOL 10 D. Altathact 3-5-12 ... Mrs D. Arbedtact 5
9 0461 PHARTY DRIVED 8J. J. Pearts 4-9-6 ... Miss D. Jones 8
10 6403 MOSEY NATIVE 10 (Y.F.S.) Pearts 4-9-6 ... Miss D. Jones 8
11 0000: RAGAMAIDER ROMED 8J. Jr. Collegade 2-9-4 ... Miss C. Servicti (5) 12
12 0460 CRUZ SANTA 7 M. Crusence 4-9-0 ... Miss E.J. Jones (5) 4
9-2 Practy Dancer 11-2 Notes Native 7-1 Carlon Venture Edan Height Night Chy Tol (6, 6-1 Sciden Hadeer, 19-1 others.

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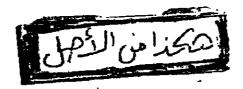
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ATHLETICS

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HANOI: Vietnam championatripe: Ment Singlest Quarter-finals: K Johassen (Den) It-1 Internation (See) 15-4. It-16. Chem Gang (China) bt A Wisensta (Indo) 15-4. 16-6. Chem Gang (China) bt A Wisensta (Indo) 15-8. 15-8. LID Yigang (China) bt H Bengsson (See) 7-15. 15-12. 15-4. Semi-finals: Chem bt Jonassen 15-11. 15-4. Semi-finals: Chem bt Jonassen 15-11. 15-4. Kensuma bt Lipo 15-8, 8-15. 17-14. Wisman: Singlest Charater-finals: S Susenji (Indo) bt Yao Yan (China) 7-11. 12-10. 11-5; Kim J-Hyun (S Kon) bt M Pedersen (Den) 11-4. I'll 7: Chen Ya-Lin (Tawan) bt Zeog Yagiong (China) 4-11. 12-11. 11-8; Xu Has Wen (China) bt A Sondergeard (Den) 11-2. 11-2. Semi-finals: Susanii (Indo) bt Kim (Sikor) 11-2. 11-4; Xu bt Chan 11-6, 11-9. EDBNBURGH: Scotish intermetional championships: Man's singlest: Fical round: S Pandya (Stafforderine) bt M Hughes (Wales) 15-8. 15-2: H Bech (LS) bt E Garcia (Sp) 15-6. 17-18; G Lewis (Wales) bt S Solvason (Den) 15-10, 15-4; P Jestrey (Esse) bt C Robertson (Scot) 15-11. 18-17. P Vaneste (Se) bt K Octum (Den) 10-15, 15-11. 15-12: C Davies (Wales) bt N Waterman

(Kartl) 15-2, 15-12; T Wago (Switch tot J Mailer (Scot) 10-15; 15-11, 15-11; R Doing (Kart) bit J Lawis (Bestantino) 15-10, 15-1; A South (Notingharmshire) bit J Kool (Holl) 15-11, 15-10; R Speere (Nov) bit M Edge (Lincasstrino) 16-15; 15-8; J Leung (Was) bit G Harrell (Plampshire) 15-11, 17-14; B Flockhert (Scot) bit J Midds (Derd 15-9, 15-0; M Marris (US) bit M Taray (Sp) 15-3; 16-8; T Weston (Holl) bit S Palsity (Scot) 17-18; 15-4, 15-9; S Sean (Susseo) bit 7 Nethern (ce) 15-11, 15-7; M Beres (Cart) bit M Bandgaard (Switz) 15-8; B-15; 16-14, Second round: Pandja M Bach 13-15; 15-11; 15-8; J-6fffrey bit G (Lywer 15-12, 13-15; 15-11; 15-8; J-6fffrey bit G (Lywer 15-12, 13-15; 15-11; 15-8; J-6fffrey bit G (Lywer 15-12, 13-15; 15-11; 15-8; J-6fffrey bit Doing 14-18; 15-10, 18-15; Weston bit Marris 15-3; 15-8; Beres bit leave 15-10; 18-14. Caustras-fruits: Pandya bit Jefffrey 16-16; 15-3; Wago bit Marrise 15-3; 15-8; Beres bit leave 15-10; 18-14. Caustras-fruits: Pandya bit Jefffrey 16-16; 15-3; Wago bit Marrise 15-6, 15-19; Weston bit Revex 15-10; 18-14. Weston bit Revex 15-10; 18-14; Norman's singless: First mund: R Penturey (Gloucestershire) bit S Weston by Section 11-7; 19-1; T Dimen (Essee) tit S Water (Scot) 11-7; Pal 11-4; A Weddestern Scot) 5-11; 11-7; 11-1; T Dimen (Essee) tit S Water (Scot) 11-7; 11-1; T Dimen (Essee) tit K Byton (Essee) tit J-1; 11-4; J Baufreyer (Switz) 11-3; 11-4; K Graham 15-6; 11-3; G Marrin (Scot) bit Reverse 11-14; 11-15; Marrin bit Marrin 12-9; 11-4; Secton 11-4; 11-15; Harrin Water 11-2; 11-4; Marrin bit Pantaney bit Dimen B-11; 11-4; J Marrin (Warwsictstrin) bit Geshamn 11-4; 11-2; Cuartin-Fruits: Parasery bit Camn 11-8; 11-3; Sotrumdeson 11-6; 11-3; Marrin bit Pantaney 11

BILLIARDS

BOXING BOWLERS, Manchester: Europeen fly-weight championship: D Gueraut (Fr. hoties) bit A Lewis (Bury) sec 4th. Heevy-weight (Britis): K McBride (Clones) bt Y Yellstratov (Ulc) ric 1st. Light-heenyweight

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BERLIN: Volvo World Cup qualifier: 1. Burg's Mister Blue (B. Romp, Hof) clear, 31.35 ser 2. Calvana (W. Molliger, Sartz, clear, 33 75.3, Esprit, C. Neberg, Ger clear, 34.50. British: 5, Senator Teos Harauer (R. Small;) clear 35 21

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SHEPHERDS FRENDLY SOCIETY
LEAGUE: Premier division: Boardman and
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SHEFFIELD - British University Society SHEFFIELD: British University Sports Association women's tournament: Final positions: 1, Lodovige, 2, South, 3, North; 4, Scotland: 5, Midlands, 8 Wates

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SIGULDA, Lutvie: World Cup: Singles: 1. A Zoggeier (tt. (49 B11sec. 49 334) 1mm 38945sec; 2. A Demohanko (Russ) (49 782, 39 499) 139 281; 3. N Huber (tt. (49.893, 49 595) 1:39 488 4. M Kleinhertz

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REAL TENNIS

CUREN'S CLUB: British Land British Open: Mer: Singles: Quarter-finals (GB unless stated: 9 Fathey (Aux) bit N Whooles (Aux) 6-5 Fin (CBray tru) 5 Tow 2-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-5; J Mare tri M Gooding 5-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3

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VOLLEYBALL

TOKYO: World Grand Champions Cup: Men China to Jensen 3-1; Sraz to Hollond 3-2; Cuba th Austrelia 3-1; Leading final positiones: 1; Brazil 2; Cuba 3; Holland Women: Cuba to Japon 3-6; Fusta at South Kore 3-0; Leading final positions. 1; Russia 2; Cuba 3; Brazil.

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Bruno Petit and Corinne Pion trip the light fantastic during the world dance sport championship in Blackpool yesterday. Photograph: Michael Powell

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FIRST DIVISION: Blueharts 4 Sr Albaris 2: Bournville 2 Stourport 3: Bromley 0: Havani 3; Firebrands 4 Oxford Hawks 3; Gloucester City 0 Surbiton 3; Hampstead 3 Isca 0; Harteston Maggies 2 Brooklands 4; Hull 3 Lewes 2; Loughborough Students 1 Inclean Gymthares 3; Shreibeld 2 Chelmstord 3; Warrington 0 Oxford Univ 3.

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Presumption irrelevant in map conveyance

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown. Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice Judge

(Judgment November 12) The "hedge and ditch presumption" did not come into play at all where land was conveyed by reference to Ordnance Survey maps which showed boundaries in

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment by majority (Lord Justice Judge dissenting) in dismissing an appeal brought by the defendant, John Graham Insky, against the decision of Mr Recorder Pardoe, QC, at Stoke on Trent County Court on November 30, 1995 when he declared the boundary between the defendant's field and that of the plaintiff, Alan Wibberley Building Ltd, as being along the centre line of a hedge dividing the two fields.

Mr Jan Foster for the defendant: Mr Charles Machin for the

LORD JUSTICE WARD said that the case concerned a boundary dispute which raised a point of law of some importance which could be broadly stated as: where adjoining fields were separated by a hedge and a ditch, who owned

The defendant owned part of Home Farm in Staffordshire and the plaintiff part of Saverley Green Farm. It was not in dispute that until removal of part of it by the defendant some time in or after 1987 there had been a hedge

between the two farms. The judge found on the balance of probabilities that a ditch, as originally dug, ran the full length

The terms of telephone conversa-

tions between a person in the

The Netherlands, which was inter-

cepted there under judicial au-

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here at the trial of the former for an

offence of conspiracy with the

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Roch, Mr Justice Buckley

and Mrs Justice Hale) so held on

November 7 when granting an application under section 35 of the Criminal Procedure and Investiga-

tions Act 1996 for leave to appeal

against a preliminary ruling of the trial judge but dismissing that appeal by three defendants charged with conspiracy to bring illegal immigrants into the United

LORD JUSTICE ROCH said

that the court rejected the appel-

lants' submissions that admission

of such evidence was contrary to

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Alan Wibberley Building Ltd of that hedge and continued to exist until recently. The ditch was on the plaintiff's side.

By a deed made in 1920, Home Farm was conveyed to a Mr Beard. In 1975 Mr Beard sold to Mrs Burton. That conveyance was drafted differently from the one in 1920 and made reference to the boundary being delineated by reference to Ordnance Survey

As for Saverley Green Farm, the plaintiff's predecessor in title took a conveyance in 1921. By a convey-ance made in 1984 the defendant acquired the land delineated on a plan which corresponded to, but which was not an exact copy of the Ordnance Survey map which showed the field forming the eastern boundary with Home

The dispute arose because some time in about 1987 the defendant scrubbed out the hedge dividing the two fields and erected a wood post and wire fence along the old line of the far lip of the ditch. The plaintiff alleged trespass and sought relief. The judge found for the plaintiff and the defendant now

The issue was whether or not, as the defendant contended, the boundary was fixed by the application of the presumption that the person who dug the ditch dug it at the extremity of his land and threw the soil on to his own land to make the hank on which the hedge was planted, or whether, as the plaintiff contended, that presumption did not arise where the land had been conveyed by reference to the Ordnance Survey map which delin-eated the boundary. The judge applied Fisher v Winch ([1939] I KB 606) and Davey v Harrow

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stayed as an abuse of process.

Corporation (1958) 1 QB 60) and found for the plaintiff.

The case was presented in the Court of Appeal on the basis that the ditch remained vested in Mr Beard and by deed dated August 9. 1996 between the executors of Mr Beard, Mrs Beard and the defendant, title to the ditch now passed to the defendant. The principal submission was that the plaintiff never owned the ditch and so could not complain of trespass upon it.

Central to the defendant's submission was the proposition that prior to the 1975 conveyance the boundary between the two farms had been fixed by operation of the hedge and ditch presumption and that, having once been fixed, it could not and did not change. In his Lordship's judgment, the

approach to the case should be as The initial question was: "What, on the true construction of the two

conveyances to the parties was the boundary of their respective land? The plaintiff's 1984 conveyance was insufficient to identify the parcels precisely but it could not be doubted that the land being con-veyed extended up to its boundary with Home Farm, wherever that

Since the presumption only came into operation in cases where the boundary was not delimited in the parcels to that conveyance then, in the absence of other evidence, it could be presumed that the boundary was the Saverley Green edge of the ditch and accordingly that the Saverley Green Farm did not include the ditch itself. The presumption was,

dissenting, said that the approach to the problem adopted in Fisher v conveyance which, it was agreed for all practical purposes meant the 1975 conveyance, defined the Winch was not justified when the dispute did not arise out of the parcels by reference to the Ordnance Survey map and so it was creation of two parcels of land out established beyond possibility of

In the present case there had in law been no link between the two titles to the senarate parcels of land owed by the plaintiff and the defendant. The conveyance on which the plaintiff's title depended expressly referred to the 1921

Despite the reference to the Ordnance Survey map for identi-fication purposes that reference emerged from nowhere without any evidence to suggest that the vendor was entitled to sell the disputed land.

indeed the vendor only pur-ported to sell the land which had been acquired under the 1921 conveyance. Therefore the plaintiff's conveyance did not vest ownership in him. Equally the defendant's claim to the disputed land depended on the hedge and ditch presumption of law but was

have been in February 1975, the conveyance to the defendant did not grant him title to the disputed land. However, the deficiencies in his title did not result in the acquisition of the land by the plaintiff. His Lordship would allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Simon Brown delivered a judgment concurring with Lord Justice Ward in dismissing the appeal.

Solicitors: Grindeys, Stoke on Trent; Challinors & Dickson, Stoke

Head teacher has no duty to investigate

question what the boundary was.

here was therefore no room at all

for the operation of the presump-

tion. Consequently, as the defen-dant now accepted, the ditch was

If the two parcels were in common ownership then once the question was decided as to what

the first purchaser got under his

conveyance, no difficulty arose as

could only be sensibly understood

to be the remainder of the estate.

The fact that the parcels were not

conveyed from a common owner

did not render inoverable the rules

either that the first task was to

ances or that the presumption had

its proper place when there was no

other boundary otherwise

His Lordship was satisfied that the judge correctly applied the law and reached the right conclusion.

The result did not diminish the

usefulness of the presumption and what might be a widely held common perception of its opera-

His Lordship was relieved that

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Director of Public Prosecutions v G (Duty to investigate) Before Lord Justice Brook and Mr

trary to article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, and should have been excluded under section 78 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 or the proceedings should have been

The 1985 Act did not bar the use of material obtained by foreign telephone tapping as evidence in proceedings in this country. In the circumstances there had been no impermissible infringements of the appellants' rights under article 8 of the Convention. nor could the judge's exercise of his discretion under section 78 of the 1984 Act to admit the evidence be

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[Judgment October 13]

A head teacher was not a person charged with the duty of investigating offences or charging offenders" under section 67(9) of the Police and Criminal Evidence The Queen's Bench Divisional

Court so stated in the course of dismissing an appeal by the prosecution by way of case stated against the acquittal by Aldershot Justices of G, a teacher, of common assault. The justices had found that a head teacher of a junior school was within the ambit of section 67(9) of the 1984 Act and should therefore have cautioned G prior to questioning him about a classroom incident.

Mr Michael Forster for the osecution; Mr Justin Shale for

MR JUSTICE GAGE said that on March 8, 1996 G was doing supply work at a junior school. He year olds. A male pupil rocked his chair backwards and forwards and was told by G on a number of occasions to stop that activity. Fearing the chair would over-balance G put his hand on the

boy's neck and polled him off his chair and on to the floor. That incident was partially witnessed by a parent waiting outside the classroom who contacted the head teacher immediately. The head teacher went straight to the classroom where she found the

pupil on the floor weeping. The head teacher interviewed G and asked him to give an account of what had happened. The head teacher made jottings of what G had said and wrote those jottings up into a statement five hours later. Subsequently on April 16, later. Subsequently on April 16, 1996 an information was laid

The question before the court was whether a head teacher was a person "charged with the duty of investigating offences or charging offenders" under section 67(9) and therefore bound to apply the

rovisions of Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (s.66) Codes of

Mr Forster submitted that a head teacher had a duty to investigate incidents which occurred at a school but there was no evidence of any contractual or legal duty to investigate offences. He cited R v Smith (W. D.) (1996) 2 Cr App R 1); Joy v Federation against Copywrite Theft Ltd (1993) Crim

LR 588) and R v Twaites ((1990) 92 Cr App R 106). Mr Shale submitted that sec-tions 22 and 41 of the Education (No 2) Act 1986 imposed statutory duties upon head teachers to

investigate incidents and offences happening at a school.

His Lordship held that the statutory provisions of the 1986 Act did not persuade him that a head teacher had any duty imposed upon him sufficient to make section 67(9) of the 1984 Act apply.

The answer in reality to any question of unfarmess in any interview could be deaft with by section 78 of the 1984 ACL A head. interview could be dealt with by section 78 of the 1984 Act. A head that event. The same thing hap-leacher was not a person charged pened in 1991. There was no offer, with investigation officiency of the country of the pened in 1991. There was no offer, with investigation officiency of the country of the pened in 1991. There was no offer, with investigation of the pened in 1991. cidents which might arise in a school. The magistrates proceeded on the wrong basis.

LORD JUSTICE BROOKE spreed that on the particular facts the head teacher was not "charged with investigating offences" under section 67(9) of the 1984 Act but that each case would depend on its oarticular facts.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Basingstoke, Parkinson & (1997) 1 WLR 1216) where Lord

to enforce promise Justice Leggat had said (at p1225): "A key feature of the concept of mutual wills is the irrevocability of

Taylor v Dickens and Another Before Judge Weeks, QC

[Judgment November 12]

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Where a party made a promise which he subsequently broke in circumstances which could be regarded as unconscionable, unfair or morally objectionable, the court had no general equitable jurisdiction to interfere to enforce

If a plaintiff believed that he would be granted a right over another's property in the future, for instance a promised legacy under a will, in a situation where the promiser still had a right to change his mind, in order to establish the requisite un-conscionability for proprietary estoppel, the plaintiff had to prove that the promiser had created or encouraged a belief that he would not exercise that right and that the plaintiff had relied on that belief.

Judge Weeks, QC, sitting as a High Court judge, so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division dismissing an action brought by Robert Taylor against Kenneth Clive Dickens and Marian Telford Dickens, executors of the will of Gertrude Emma May Parker, for a declaration that he was entitled to the net residuary estate of Mrs Parker.

Mr Roger Evans for Mr Taylor. Mr John Ross Martyn for the executors.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in 1988 Mrs Parker told Mr Taylor, who was her part-time gardener, that she intended to leave him her house in her will whereupon he declared that he would not receive any payment for his gardening or the other help he provided

Mrs Parker subsequently exe-cuted at least three wills in 1991, 1993 and 1994, in which she left her residuary estate to Mr Taylor. In 1995, however, she made a will leaving her residuary estate to someone else. She did not tell Mr Taylor of her change of mind, preferring, as she put it to third parties, to "take the coward's way

Mrs Parker died on November 18, 1995, Between 1988 and November 1995 Mr Taylor, who had a full-time job as a lorry driver, provided care for Mrs Parker in many ways and received no remuneration for his services in the expectation that he would receive the house on Mrs Parker's death. He now claimed to be entitled to the residuary estate.

Mr Evans put his case first in contract. His Lordship, however. found that the claim in contract failed for four reasons:

First, there was no agreement. In 1988 Mrs Parker stated what she intended to do and then Mr Taylor stated what he intended to do in mises. no mutually obligations. Second, if there was an agree-

ment on Mrs Parker's part, it was an agreement to make a will not an agreement not to revoke it. Mi Taylor admitted in evidence that Mrs Parker never told him she would never change her will. The distinction was not mere logic chopping and its importance was shown by a recent case on mutual wills: In re Goodchild

the mutual internions. Not only must they be binding when made, but the testators must have undertaken, and so must be bound, not to change their intention after the death of the first testator."

Court has no power

If there was a contract Mrs Parker performed her part by making the wills in 1988 and 1991. Third, there was, in his Lordship's judgment, no intention to crease legal relations. Fourth, section 2 of the Law of

Property (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1989 on the necessity for writing in a contract for the disposition of an interest in land, had not been complied with.
For all those reasons the claim in contract failed.

Mr Evans's second submission was based on proprietary estoppel.
He put the case in two ways:
First, he submitted that there
was a wide equitable jurisdiction to interfere in cases where to enforce strict legal rights was found by the court to be un-conscionable. In his Lordship's judgment there was no such gen-eral jurisdiction at least in the field

of promises as to future conduct.

There were dicta from distinguished judges which might tend to a different conclusion but they had been taken out of context. His Lordship referred to Amalgamated Investment and Property gamates investment and Property Co Ltd v Texas Commerce Inter-national Bank Ltd (1982) QB 84, 104); Taylors Fashions Ltd v Liverpool Trustees Co (1982) QB 133, 15(H); and Crabb v Arun District Council (1976) Ch 179, 193,

In Crabb v Aran District Council Lord Justice Scarman (at p195) was relying on the five traditional elements of proprietary estoppel laid out in Willmott v Barber ((1880) 15 Ch D 96) and was not creating a general jurisdiction to interfere in all cases of unconscionable conduct.

In his Lordship's judgment, there was no equitable jurisdiction to hold a person to a promise simply because the court thought it unfair, unconscionable or morally objectionable for him to go back on

If there were such jurisdiction one might as well forget the law of contract and judge every civil dispute with a portable palm tree. The days of justice varying with the length of the Lord Chancellor's foot would have returned.
As an alternative, Mr Evans

relied on the formulation of proprietary estoppel in In re Basham (1986) 1 WLR 1498, 1503). That case

criticism but it was authority for the propositions that proprietary estopped could extend to cases where there was a belief that future rights would be granted and that a proprietary estopped could be raised in relation to a promised egacy of residue. In his Lordship's judgment, in

two distinct respects, the principle was stated too widely in in re Basham: first, it omitted the requirement of unconscionability which nearly all the judgments in this field insisted on; second, it was not sufficient for A to believe that he was going to be given a right over B's property if he knew that B had the right to change his mind. In that case A also had to show that B created or encouraged a belief on A's part that B would not cercise that right. That requirement was shown by Attorney-General of Hong Kong v Humphreys Estate (1987) AC 114.

In the present case. Mr Taylor knew that wills were revocable and that Mrs Parker could change her mind. His wife gave evidence that on at least three occasions she told him not to count his chickens before they were hatched. He was confident that Mrs Parker would not revoke her will but he agreed that she never said she would not

What Mr Taylor relied on were her statements in 1988 and 1991 that she was going to make a will in his favour and her subsequent three statements that she had done so. As appeared from In re Goodchild there was a difference between saying you would make a

will and saying you would not revoke a will. Mr Taylor's claim failed because he could not show that Mrs Parker created or encouraged a belief or expectation that she would not revoke her will and that he relied on that belief.

In case he should be wrong, his Lordship went on to consider whether it would be unconscionable for Mrs Parker through her executors to insist on te ownership of the estate. In his view there was nothing unfair, unjust or morally objectionable in Mrs Parker's change of will in 1995.

What could be criticised was her not telling Mr Taylor at the time; but her failure to inform him did not raise an equity in Mr Taylor's favour, certainly not an equity which would entitle him to the residuary estate.

Solicitors: Rowberry Morris & Co., Crowthorne: Dickens & Co.

No duty to incur costs

Shearing v Cinven Ltd (for- action against the defendants, merly CIN Venture Manage

an action to take elaborate proofs from potential witnesses The Court of Appeal (Lord

Justice Staughton and Mr Justice Harman) so held on November 14 in dismissing an appeal brought by the plaintiff, Michael Shearing, against the decision of Judge Havery, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division on November 21, 1996, when he upheld the decision of Deputy Master Cooper to strike out the

Conven Ltd, for want o

There was no duty on defendants ... MR JUSTICE HARMAN said had not taken elaborate proofs from their potential witnesses two to three years ago did not cause or contribute to delay

The prejudice of delay caused by the dimming of memories was not caused by the act of the defendants in not proofing their witnesses There was no duty on defendants to incur large costs at an early stage of threatened action to take elaborate proofs from potential

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Applying equal treatment directive

Gerster v Freistaat Bayern Case C-1/95

Before J. L. Murray, President of Sixth Chamber and Judges P. J. G. Kapteyn and G. Hirsch Advocate General A. La Pergola (Opining October 22, 1996) Undernent October 21

Article 119 of the EC Treaty, laying down the principle of equal pay for equal work for men and w equal work for men and women, applied to employment relation-ships in the public service.

A national rule requiring that

for the purposes of calculating the length of service of public servants, periods of part-time employment were to count as part only of normal working hours, did not fall within the scope of article 119 or of the Community equal pay direc-tive, but was contrary to the equal treatment directive unless the rule was justified by objective criteria unrelated to any sex

The Sixth Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Commu-nines so held when answering three questions referred by the Bayerisches Verwaltungsgericht (Bayarian Administrative Court). Ansbach, Germany, for a prelim nary ruling under article 177 of the

Treaty.

The rules of the Bavarian state civil service provided that promo-tion to a higher grade was to be based on, inter alia, length of service and that for that purpose periods of employment during which the hours worked were en one-balf and two-thirds of normal working hours were to be treated as equivalent to two-thirds.

Mrs Gerster, an employee of the Bavarian linance administration, worked one-half of normal working hours after September 1987. In a letter in which she applied for promotion, she asked that the period since September 1987 be treated as full-time employment for the purpose of calculating her ength of service, but the applica-

tion was rejected.

In proceedings brought by her,
Mrs Gerster argued that the decision rejecting her candidature was contrary to article 119 of the Treaty, to Council Directive 75/117/EEC of February 10, 1975 on he approximation of the laws of the member states relating to the application of the principle of

1975 L45 p19), and to Council Directive 76/207/EEC of February 9, 1976 on the implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women as regards access to employment, vocational training and promotion, and working

conditions (QJ 1976 L39 p40). Article 119 provides: "Each member state shall ... maintain the application of the principle that men and women should receive equal pay for equal work. For the purpose of this article,

pay means the ordinary basic or minimum wage or salary and any other consideration ... which the worker receives, directly or indirectly, in respect of his employment from his employer. . . " In its judgment the Sixth Cham-ber of the Court of Justice held:

The principle laid down in article 119 formed part of the foundations of the Community, from the scope of the article would Moreover, the court had stated

Case 248/83 Com Germany (1985) ECR 1459) that Directives 76/207 and 75/117 app-lied to employment in the public service, and that those directives. like article 119, were of general application; a factor inherent in the very nature of the principle which However, as the court had

emphasised in Case 149771 Defrenne v Sabena [1978] ECR 1365, paragraph 20), the scope of article 119 could not be extended to aspects of the employment relationship other than those expressly referred to. Mrs Gerster argued that since

the case concerned a system for the practically automatic, it fell within the scope of the term "pay" as used in article 119, and infringed Direc-Where a civil sevant was placed on the list of candidates eligible for

promotion, his progression to a higher grade, and accordingly to a higher level of renumeration, was not a right but a mere possibility. actual promotion depending on a number of factors.

A rule such as that in issue, albeit indirectly linked to the pay to which the candidate would be entitled on completion of the

advancement. Inequality in that context therefore did not fall within the scope of article 119 or of Directive 75/117. Article 3 of Directive 76/207 prohibited discrimination on the ground of sex in the conditions,

including selection criteria, for access to all jobs or posts. Although the provision in question did not discriminate directly, it was necessary to consider whether it constituted indirect discrimination, which arose where a national measure, although formulated in neutral terms, worked to the disadvantage of far more

women than men. It was common ground that the provision treated part-time employees less favourably than full-time ones, as the former accrued length of service more slowly and perforce gained promotion

Since Mrs Gerster maintained that in the department where she worked 87 per cent of part-time employees were women, and on the national court's findings that across the board in the Ravarian civil service, it must be concluded that in practice a provision such as that in issue resulted in discrimination against women employees as compared with men, and must in principle be regarded as contrary to Directive 76/207.

The position would be different only if the distinction between those two categories of employee were justified by factors unrelated

to any discrimination on the

ground of sex. That was a matter for the national court to determine in the light of all the circumstances. According to the Bavarian State, the discrimination was objectively justified as the system was based on the administration's need to establish a general yardstick in terms of length of service against which the professional experience of employees could be assessed before they could be regarded as eligible for promotion to a higher grade, and civil servants who worked part-time needed to com-

plete longer periods of service than those who worked full time if they were to acquire the skills and abilities necessary for duties at a vever, it was impossible to

identify objective criteria unrelated to any discrimination, on the basis of an alleged special link between length of service and acquisition of a certain level of knowledge or experience, since such a claim amounted to no more than a

categories of worker. Although experience went hand in hand with length of service and experience enabled the worker in principle to improve performance of the tasks allotted to him, the objectivity of such a criterion depended on all the circumstances in each individual case.

If the national court found that

part-time employees were gen-erally slower than full-time ones in

generalisation concerning certain

acquiring job-related abilities and skills, and that the competent authorities were in a position to establish that the measures chosen reflected a legitimate social policy aim, were an appropriate means of achieving that aim, and were necessary in order to do so, the mere fact that the provision affected far more women than men could not be regarded as an infringement of Directive 76/207. If it concluded that there was no special link between length of service and acquisition of a certain level of knowledge or experience, the requirement in the provision. to the effect that part-time employees had to comp service more than one third longer than that completed by a full-time official in order to have approximately the same chance of promotion, must be regarded as contrary to the directive

On those grounds, the Court I Article 119 of the EC Treaty was to be interpreted as applying to employment relationships arising in the public service. 2 A provision of national law

which required that, for the purposes of calculating the length of service of public servants, periods of employment during which the hours worked were between onehalf and two-thirds of normal working hours were counted only as two-thirds of normal working hours, did not fall within the scope of article 119 or of Directive 75/117.

3 Directive 76/207 precluded such national legislation national legislation save where it was justified by objective criteria unrelated to any discrimination on

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SECURICOR CHALLENGERS TROPHY

Making a splash for glory and charity

Four days of demanding physical and mental exercise aim to promote

loyalty and team spirit among

employees, writes John Young

away from their desks and their computers. Dress them in T-shirts, shorts and trainers and have them spend four days and nights scrambling up rock faces. wading rivers, canoeing down rapids, cycling over rocky screes and struggling across open moorland in darkness, trying to locate map references by torchlight in wind and rain. And what do you get? To-morrow's leaders of business and industry.

To many the idea may seem

preposterous, reeking of Kiplingesque notions of stiff upper

lips and achievement through adversity. the success of the **UK** Challengers Trophy over the past decade is convincing evidence that the old ways of assessing "officer potential" still serve a purpose.

The Challengers Trophy was the idea of a Belgian business-Michael Malschaert, who was convinced by his experi-

ences during the 1985 Paris-Dakar motor rally of the benefits of ordeal by endurance. The first competition was held in Spa. Belgium, and was followed by similar events in France in 1987 and The Netherlands in 1989.

But these early contests were essentially elitist, demanding virtually professional levels of fitness and commitment. In 1995 the event was held in the French Alps and required skilled mountaineers to help disabled children to climb Mont Blanc. In fundraising terms it was an imaginative project, but its relevance to management

training was questionable. In stepped Peter Bishop, a former colonel in The Queen's Regiment who, after leaving the Army, established Europac, a marketing, public relations and training company. In 1994 he was invited to become managing director of Challenger UK, with a brief to put the emphasis on teamwork and encourage mental as well as physical challenges.

Since then the competition has demonstrated its appeal both to corporate giants such as BT, Sun Life, Lloyds TSB, SmithKline Beecham, Whitbread, American Express and British Aerospace, and to the

minnows" who enjoy taking on the big boys. Through sponsorship, each money for a favoured charity or for this year's designated beneficiary, the Cancer Research Campaign.

Its purpose is to encourage high levels of fitness among staff Bishop: achievement and to foster loyalty and commit-

ment. It aims to teach individ-

uals how to work as a team,

make the best use of resources

and reach the right decisions. The competition is spread over four days and, after a warm-up, is divided into eight or more stages, including a night exercise. The organisers aim to keep the details secret until the morning when the teams are presented with the day's route card.

Each stage is likely to include the use of boats, bicycles or ropes, but for the most part competitors have to rely on their leet, covering up to 70km (43 miles) over the four days.



mid-afternoon but, if things go wrong, it may be still struggling late into the night.

The 100-strong back-up staff is equipped with a dozen fourwheel-drive vehicles, minibuses, Transit vans, crowd barriers, ropes, safety helmets. harnesses, life jackets, canoes, paddles and mountain bikes. Accommodation is needed for up to 700 people, who also need to be supplied with three meals a day.

Although it happens to be run mainly by ex-servicemen, the competition organisers are anxious to dissociate themselves from the traditional From a start at around 8am, a military view that decisions successful team can hope to be are best left to officers, while

ply to do as they are told. Participation is essentially a co-operative, democratic venture, in which all team members are expected to pull

together.
Experience in more enlightened offices and factories has consistently shown that this is by far the best way to get the most out of people, and to avoid boredom and resentment on the part of those who feel they have not been given any responsibility. Factory workers organised into decision-making teams have shown notable increases in

"I think the product is about right, but I also hope we can



Best foot forward: competitors take up the challenge

make the standard of competition higher than last time." Mr Bishop says. "I am equally keen to stress that everybody something. I don't want people to go away disappointed, feeling that they have wasted their

"We try to strike a balance between experienced teams who have trained hard and newcomers who may not have reached the same level of fitness and are not sure what it is all about.

"But at all levels you have got to be a self-starter, a problem solver and a team player to win through."

There is still a strong physi-

Dartmoor here we come

Spensored section

hilip Pearce, the man responsible for setting the course for the Securicor Challengers Tro-phy, is brimming with enthusiasm for the 1998 choice of venue — Darimoor.

"It will give us much greater scope because of its sheer size and the variety of terrain," he says. "I hope too that we will get permission to use other parts of Devon, so that, for the first time for many years, we will be able to incorporate beaches, cliffs and estuaries. The Ribble Valley in Lan-

cashire, where we staged this year's competition, was splendid, but was a much more homogeneous area. Devon and Dartmoor should provide much more variety and it should be great fun.

Fun is certainly the keynote of the centre from which next year's competition will be taged. Barton Hall, near Torquay, is a former country house, now surrounded by chalets in the grounds and run by the Pontins Group as a holiday and leisure complex.

Mr Pearce says that it will be January at the earliest before he is able to plan the course in any sort of detail But, like Peter Bishop, he is keen to put more emphasis on the mental aspects of the challenge.

"Competitors will not simply be required to run from one place to another," he says. They will have to assess the best routes with choice of checkpoints, each scoring different values, and will have to work out which ones to go for. It's a bit like calculating profit and loss in business."

e adds: "Schemes in other countries have required trained athletes. For this competition people simply have to be prepared to train, say, three evenings a week and occasional weekends. That way they should be fit enough."

Mr Bishop describes Dartmoor as the most challenging terrain yet faced: "Two years go we went to the Peak District, but our access was confined by the park authorities. Dartmoor is also a National Park, but I am assured we will be free to roam off the

Barton Hall will certainly stable block in Chepstow which served as headquarters for one of the earlier events. "It was May and it poured with rain and the buildings were flooded." he recalls.

"Barton Hall has the additional advantage that teams will have to be bussed out each morning and won't be able to reconnoitre the terrain in advance. So there will always be an element of surprise, which should make for fairer competition."

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of energy-sapping, mind-stretching outdoor challenges, using maps, compasses, mountain bikes, ropes, canoes and their wits.

commitment to teamwork, communication, leadership and problem-solving. (A sense of humour also helps!) And when they eventually finish they will be better equipped to contribute to their company, big or small. The Securicor

Challengers Trophy will take place between 4th and 6th June at Barton Hall near



1997 Results Table

Quartermaster-General's De-

over from the Canadian com-

pany, Mitel, and will therefore

be responsible for organising

the millennium event in 2000.

which is definitely not as oldfashioned a concept as some

people pretend," Mr Bishop says. "But it can't be as

dictatorial in civilian life as in

the Armed Services. Today's

leaders must inspire by exam-

"After all, you can't coerce people into doing something

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Top 50 Places

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group legal director, says: Two years ago, Challenger

helped us to organise the weekend event held at Reigate

and Redhill. We were very

impressed with the way they

ran things and the tasks they

set. When they asked to talk to

us about sponsoring the Chal-

lengers Trophy, we were equally impressed with what

they had to say.
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SECURICOR CHALLENGERS TROPHY

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A fine balance of brawn and brainpower

f the future is Orange, then that is because of the lessons learnt in the tempt, the telecoms group has won the Challengers Trophy.

Two years ago, a couple of employees from a military background suggested putting in a team. Mark Evans, project office manager, ex-plains: They were in-terested in taking part

in an event that would stretch them physically. just like exercises in the Forces. We had no idea what the Challengers Trophy was going to be like and we put in a very physical team. We did not know that you needed team members with mental agility too." Lacking the balance that is needed to be-

come serious contenders, Orange's initial entry came 35th. However, the members were far from daunted. They enjoyed the event so much that the following year Orange entered three teams: one came first in the mixed event and another was fourth. Spurred on, the group again raised three teams and this year one of them snatched the title by just a few seconds after four days of intense competition. Mr Evans says: "The

euphoria of this year's event has given the company a impetus. Everyone knows this is something we are going to keep on doing and that we are well established as contenders. It fits in with the company being like a family. It gives the staff a feeling of

He believes that, both internally and dealing with other

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Rodney Hobson

hears from last

year's winners what it takes

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On target: a member of the Orange

pect of the competition is

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ers and suppliers.

Marsh McLennan interna-tional insurance group, has been a winner for three years in a row. Two years ago the company carried off the women's trophy and last year it was the overall winner, with the women's team second in its section. This

how to get on together," Mr

CT Bowring, now part of the

entered and the women triumphed again. Bowring has a reputation for offering a wide range of social activities for its employees. Clubs include chess, badminton, walking and yachtsurprising that competition for the women's

time two teams were

team is keen. Victoria Cook, team captain, says: "We try to keep fit and we always start with many more people than we need. Over a period of time some drop out, either through injury or because of other commitments. This event does take a lot of time and commitment. We get down to a hard core from which we make

our final selection." The team members come from a cross-section of departments -

team tees off in the night exercise this year no two memcompanies, the networking asbers came from the same part of the operation. They included a broker, a director and an accountant. They also represented a cross-section of natural abilities. Miss Cook stresses the im-

portance of teamwork in the challenge. She says: "With teams of six and four taking. part in each event, those who

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Bridge building: working small miracles with pipe cleaners and a bit of ingenuity

are not involved in a particular event have to back up the others. They have to run round fetching and carrying." Positions in the office count for nothing. In the final analysis, Miss Cook must take the

ultimate decision although she gets the whole team to try to agree on tactics. Having people from different departments probably helps. For others, though, there is the anguish of what might

have been. It is hard not to sympathise with Sun Life, the insurance group that went into the penultimate round as the leader. The crucial challenge

was to build a bridge with materials such as pipe cleaners that would hold a certain

ayne Lewis, Sun Life team captain and training coordinator, explains what went wrong: "The company puts a lot of effort into this event and we trained for four or five months. We hoped to consolidate our lead in the bridge building so we were cautious, but with hindsight we did not set our sights

high enough. We did not realise what you could do with the items we had. Unfortunately the time bonus awarded for this section was out of proportion to the other challenges. It was pos-

hour bonus time." Although they realised they were now too far behind to have a realistic chance of winning, Sun Life went into the last round determined to prove a point and won it to

sible to pick up a three or four-

secure third place. They have previously fin-ished first and second. Mr Lewis says: "We will be back next year. We are already

looking for volunteers.

Why Securicor stepped in to take the baton

We like the fact that the challenge is linked to fundraising, says sponsor

the Challengers Trophy has a new sponsor in Securicor, writes Rodney Hobson. Begun in 1986, it found a sponsor in 1995 when Now the baton for the next three years has been passed to the security and mobile telephone group.
Challenger UK prefers to

keep just one main sponsor. whose company name can be included in the title of the trophy. But it also has lesser sponsors, such as suppliers of refreshments and equipment. Rod Alexander, the director

of Challenger Marketing UK. says: "Mitel loved their time with us. It was a superb sponsorship for them. but they had a sonnel and de-

cided not to renew the contract." According to Mr Alexander, several companies were showing an interest in replac-

ing Mitel - a Canadian computerised switchboard maker but Securicor was the obvious choice. "Challenger had al-

ready been running in-house events for Securicor for some time, so they knew us," says Mr Alexander. "Their companies are household names, and it is household names that enter the challenge." Securicor has run a similar

type of competition in-house for nine years. Seven of its events were held in the Lake District, but those in the past two years took place in Nigel Griffiths, Securicor's

Finding solutions to provide

bility is a play-off between Securicor teams from different parts of the business for the honour of representing the

teams will add a little extra spice to next year's tussle. Securicor owns 40 per cent of Cellnet, the mobile telephone company that is being challenged in the marketplace by Orange, winner of this year's Challengers Trophy.

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Girl power unable to spice up EMI profit



Colin Southgate, Jim Fifield and the Spice Girls will be in the spotlight when EMI reports

EMI GROUP: Not even the Thursday are the first to be Spice Girls will be enough to published by one of the high Spice Girls will be enough to ginger up half-year figures due out tomorrow at EMI, where Sir Colin Southgate is chairman and Jim Fifield chief executive. In fact, the all-girl group may be having a detrimental effect on future earnings judging by the critics' verdict on SpiceWorld, their first film, and the poor showing of their latest album in the UŠ charts.

Brokers are forecasting a downturn in pre-tax profits from £112.5 million to £71 million, with earnings per share dropping about 2p to 5.5p. This is almost entirely because of the sluggishness of the music markets generally and a slow release schedule. The strong pound will also have taken its toll, with a £20 million hit expected.

Apart from the Spice Girls, there has also been a muted response to albums from Janet Jackson and The Rolling accelerate in the second half but brokers are not overoptimistic about EMI's ability to make up the lost ground. However, the dividend should be raised from 4p to 5.4p. or 13

RBS: Royal Bank of Scotland's full-year results on

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street clearing banks and should reveal a reasonable performance. NatWest Markets expects pre-tax profits of £764 million, compared with £695 million last time, an increase of 10 per cent. But the impact of an increased tax charge should see earnings per share decline 4 per cent, from 54.1p to 52p.

Underlying pre-tax profits should be 14 per cent higher, at £732 million, reflecting strong growth in pre-provi-sion profits. However, this will be offset to a certain extent by an increase in bad-debt provi sions. Headline profit growth will reflect higher disposal gains and a £30 million hit from Budget tax changes. UK banking will see profits

rise £100 million to £641 million, but there is unlikely to be any recovery in Direct Line, the once high-flying insurance business. The payout should rise 13 per cent to 2hp.

TATE & LYLE: The City will be hoping for signs of a recovery in the group's fortunes when it unveils final results on Wednesday.

Brokers are forecasting a drop in pre-tax profits, from £270.4 million to between £223 million and £235 million. This

will be struck before an exceptional charge of £90 million. relating to asset writedowns, cost-base reductions and currency and start-up costs. The group will also have to take a £10 million trading loss on the chin after an attempted arbitrage operation in the Russian sugar market went badly wrong. Earnings per share will have declined by almost 60 per cent, to 16p. The dividend is likely to be pegged

NATIONAL GRID: All eyes will be focused on Energis, the group's telecom arm, which is due to be floated before the year end, when half-year figures are released tomorrow. They are likely to reflect a sharp downturn in profitability. NatWest Markets, the broker, is forecasting a drop in profits at the pre-tax level, from E293 million to between £217 million and £235 million, with earnings per share dropping from 12.2p to 9.4p. Fortunately, this setback is unlikely to affect the dividend.

which is likely to be up about 8 per cent, from 4.45p to 4.8p.

SEVERN TRENT: Attempts

at plugging leaks and in-creased capital expenditure will have taken their toll of half-year results due out tomorrow. Pre-tax profits are expected to come in about £7 million lower, at £195 million.

ment, up from 47.4p to 48.3p. The regulated water business will have produced an otherwise solid performance. The payout will grow by around 12 per cent to 11.75p.

although earnings per share

should show a small improve-

YORKSHIRE WATER: A flat performance is envisaged when interim figures are reported on Thursday. Brokers are looking for pre-tax profits virtually static, at £109 million. with earnings per share also unchanged, at 25p. But the group's underlying performance should please the City.

Profits will have been eroded by the revenue fine imposed by the industry regulator, while balance sheet restructuring will have resulted in increased financing costs. Meanwhile, shareholders can look forward to a 20 per cent rise in the dividend after the group's promise to maintain the cost of the interim payout in real terms even though the number reduced 10 per cent.

THORN: Interim results tomorrow should indicate to brokers whether they need to downgrade their forecasts for the full year. None of them are optimistic enough to expect a positive outcome. It has been known for some time that sales have been in decline, with the first quarter down 8.5 per cent and a 12.4 per cent reduction. anticipated for the first six months as a whole.

As a result, pre-tax profits are expected to come in at about £60 million (£79.3 million). Earnings per share are

per cent to 10.6p. The dividend is most likely to be pegged at

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC: Further cost-cutting at its core distribution business should have provided the base for improved efficiency when the group reports interim figures

on Wednesday. But rising interest charges could result in a small decline in profitability. At the pre-tax level estimates range from £103 million to £124 million, compared with £112.2 million last time, while earnings per share decline 6 per cent to 17.5p on the back of an increased tax charge. But this is unlikely to affect the dividend, which is expected to grow 11 per cent to

UNITED UTILITIES: What plans the new management the agenda when half-year figures are published on Thursday. Pre-tax profits have been pencilled in at around £230 million (£224 million). Some estimates are as high as £240 million. Earnings per share are likely to be unchanged at 39.8p.

Much attention will be paid to future dividend policy, with the rate of growth in real terms expected to fall from 11 per cent to between 6 per cent and 8 per cent. The payout this time grows from 12p to 13p.

WESSEX WATER: Modest headway is anticipated in halfyear numbers on Thursday. Pre-tax profits should come in modestly higher, at £80 million, an increase of 5 per cent. Earnings per share should grow almost 20 per cent, to 29.7p. The payout should rise 12 per cent to 6.4n.

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Pre-Budget Report in spotlight

the Chancellor's latest set-piece - will provide the main focus for the week. Markets will be anxiously awaiting the Treasury's updated economic forecasts to see just how far the economy is expected to slow next year, although a hefty downgrade in the public sector borrowing requirement forecast should.

bring some cheer to gilts.

Economists will also be looking at the text closely for hints of any tax changes in the Budget proper next March. The Chancellor could also use the opportunity to restate the inflation target and float EMU-inspired plans for housing market reform to bring the sector more into line with continental Europe.

Although it is largely a quiet week for UK data, the trade figures on Wednesday will be scrutinised for signs that the long-awaited slowdown in exports is beginning to come through, MMS International, the economic forecasting group, sees September's global trade gap widening from £513 million to £1 billion. although the October non-EU gap is likely to narrow to £550 million, from £779 million in

the previous month. In the US, the October durable goods data on Wednesday are expected to show the economy growing at a steady rather than spectacular pace. MMS predicts monthly growth of 0.5 per cent, com-pared with a fall of 0.6 per cent. in September. Personal income growth (Friday) will also tick up slightly to hit 0.6 per cent in October, from 0.4 per cent the previous month, but there could be a slight downwards revision to third-quarter GDP data on Wednesday.

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WEDNESDAY

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FRIDAY

The Sunday Times: Buy Williams Holdings, IWP Interna-tional, Network Technology, Enterprise Oil, Daigety. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Prism-Rail, Plasmec, Bovis. The Express on Sunday: Buy Chloride.
The Observer. Buy British
Aerospace, The Car Group. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy VFG, Amberley Group, Merchant Retail, TBI, Rosspur



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piles evionics for Boeing 737s and 777s, and for fighter aircraft, Medical systems includes SIMS Portex, making tubes and filters for anaesthesia and

respiratory care. Industrial embraces ducting and hoses and Vent-Axia fans.

- THE BOARD

Sir Roger Hurn; 59, has been chalman since Nov-ember 1991, having pre-viously been chief executive

and managing director. Apart from two years with Rolls-Royce Motors, he has

spent his entire career with the group. He is also deputy chairman of Glaxo Wellcorne.

Keith Butler-Wheelhous

51, took over as chief executive a year ago, having joined the group three months earlier. His previous job was as president and chief executive officer of Saab Automobile.

Alan Thomson, 51, is finan-

cal director, and joined in April 1995. He was pre-viously finance director of Rugby Group and has also worked for Courtaulds, Rockwell International and

Norman Barber, 58, chairs

the aerospace group. Pre-viously a managing director at British Aerospace, he

George Kennedy CBE, 57 is chairman of the medical

systems group, which he has run since 1980. He is

non-executive chairman of Carlco Engineering and chairman of the Association of British Healthcare Indus-

Elnar Lindh, 51, is another

long-time employee, having first joined Smiths in 1973.

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Keith Orrell-Jones, 60, is chairman of the senior

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ation committee. He is chief executive of Blue Circle. Sir Peter Thompson, 69, chairs the audit committee. The former chairman of National Freight Corpora-tion has been a director

The other non-executive directors are: Roger Leverton, 58, replaced as chief executive of Pilkington earlier this year, Alan Pink 59, a director of Zeneca; and Robert O'Leary, 53, the most recent appointment and the first American

40-year chapter is drawing to a close at

Smiths Industries. Sir Roger Hurn, the man responsible for building the aero-space, medical and industrial group from its past as a watch and car component maker, is finally getting ready to retire. Sir Roger is about to begin

his last stint as chairman of Smiths, which he joined in 1958. Increasingly recognised as one of the heavyweights of British industry, he is tipped to take over from Lord Prior as chairman of GEC next year, a move he may announce at Smiths's annual meeting to-

Keith Butler-Wheelhouse, Sir Roger's chosen successor as chief executive, has already been in place for 15 months. Smiths has been anxious to portray the handover to the laid-back "KBW" as a smooth transition - hardly surprising, given the legacy.
When Roger Hurn became

managing director in August 1978, Smiths was making £25 million a year on turnover of £285 million. Last year it made profits of £192 million on sales of £1.1 billion. Note the improvement in margins — the reason the company's reput-ation in the City towers above its lowly public profile. Over 15 years Smiths has improved its operating margins from 8 per cent to 18 per cent, lifting it into the FTSE 100 index.

Much of the growth has come from the astute acquisition of companies that most people have never heard of -HG Wallace, Intertech, Interplas, Adaptaflex, Leland, Torin and many more. The most important was 1987's Lear Siegler purchase, a \$350 million deal that was crucial in establishing Smiths as an important "onshore" supplier to the US Department of Defence, and to Boeing and McDonnell Douglas:

Smiths has also proved skilful in its reading of the aerospace cycle, and its ability to secure orders on the most important and continuing aircraft programmes. Continuing this strategic nimbleness will be Mr Butler-Wheelhouse's hardest task.

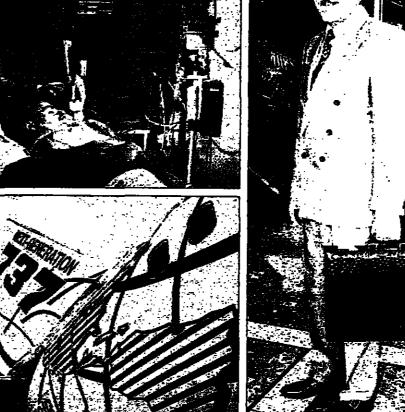
Smiths prides itself on not making hostile bids: it prefers to be confident about what it is buying. "We believe passionately in doing very, very thorough due diligence before we do a deal," says Sir Roger. Despite numerous purchases, Smiths employs fewer people now than it did in 1980 -14,500 as against 24,000.

The assembled group stands on three roughly equal legs. The aerospace business designs and makes cockpit and other electronic systems for both civil and military

ATE PROFILE: Smiths Industries







From left, clockwise, Sir Roger Hurn, the chairman with 40 years' experience; medical equipment contributes to the most profitable of the three divisions; Keith Butler-Wheelhouse, Sir Roger's chosen successor for a company which has sales worth £1.1 billion; Aerospace has both civil and military applications

systems. The division was recently strengthened by the £136 million acquisition of Graseby, a quoted company best known for its chemical

weapon detectors. The surge in orders at Boeing helped Aerospace to improve operating profits 31 per cent last year. to £59.3 million, on sales of £377 million. The medical systems divi-

sion makes tubes and other disposable devices, drug delivery pumps and equipment for operating theatres. It is the group's most profitable business, last year's £74.7 million profit representing 24 per cent of its £306 million of sales. The Graseby deal has added infusion pumps and patient-monitoring equipment.

The industrial division is less coherent, but it has been the star performer in recent years, trebling profits to £60.6 million since 1993. It includes Vent-Axia, the fan and ventilation system company that is probably Smiths's best-known

business. Its Flex-Tek arm makes the hose for the Dyson and other vacuum cleaners.

The group is controlled from an undistinguished brick building near Golders Green in North London, home to the senior divisional management teams as well as the head office staff - just over 100 in having the divisional manag-

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

"Smiths is the house that Roger built. The main issue is

whether the new management can sustain the record. It's probably got the most consistent record of any UK

probably got the most consistent record of any UK engineering company. There's a certain amount of pressure on them to go out and spend some significant amounts of money — that's a risk. The avionics business is strong in its niches but quite small — ditto medical. Do they need to double up or get out? The thing that's kept Smiths ahead is that they have kept changing the portfolio." Nick Cunningham, Salomon Brothers International

"The organic growth potential is probably better than it's been for some time, given the upturn in serospace. I don't think [Keith Butler-Wheelhouse] will change

things. We might see slightly larger acquisitio Barnaby Wiener, Merrill Lynch

ers together in one location encourages a greater understanding of the problems faced in other parts of the group. This made it easier to continue investing in avionics when the aerospace industry was in a trough in the mid-1990s. Mr Butler-Wheelhouse says

the management culture is very participative, with managers encouraged to contribute to discussion of businesses outside their own areas of responsibility. Every week at "Monday prayers", he gets together with Alan Thomson, financial director, and with Norman Barber, George Kennedy and Einar Lindh - the directors who chair the aerospace, medical and industrial groups - to talk through the

latest developments. "We work as a very tightly knit group," says Mr Butler-Wheelhouse. "We don't just invest in companies. We actually try to run them and be involved."

Smiths says it does not take on companies unless they have some management talent to work with - hence the importance of due diligence. Mr Butler-Wheelhouse says: "We don't have armies of people on the payroll waiting to run the companies that we buy, so we are extremely interested in management.

The group's size will require it to turn its attention to bigger deals and better-known com-

panies, with less opportunity to look inside to see what it is buving, and consequently greater risk. Mr Butler-Wheelhouse says it will continue to snap up businesses in the £20 million to £50 million range. But it has also recognised the need to pay more attention to organic growth. Since margins are already high, particu-

little choice. Smiths aims to protect those margins by constant development of what could often be commodity products. Innovation is most obvious in aerospace, but new product development extends right through to the humble vacu-

larly in medical systems, it has

um cleaner tube. The group's three divisions seem to have little in common. but Sir Roger shrugs aside any suggestion that Smiths might face calls for a demerger. Referring to the original car components business that he sold in the early 1980s, he says: We have shown that we have

radical solutions. If somebody came along and offered us three times what the aerospace division is worth to us, we'd be barmy not to look at it."

Although Smiths has shed many staff over the years, Sir Roger believes the group enjoys harmonious industrial relations. He attributes this to good employee communications and the fact that part of the pay of all employees is based on business results. Early retirement packages

have helped. Crisp Consulting, which produces our "fat-cat" score, reckons Sir Roger's total package, including share options. was worth £1,638,344 last year - a 32 per cent underpayment. Smiths also scores well for the modest pay of the non-executive directors. 40 per cent below the FTSE 100 average. Still, the board looks overdue

for an injection of new blood, The group's lack of any clear statement of ethical intent failed to impress Integrity Works, which described its "ethical expression" as dated. The firm comments that Smiths view that a succinct expression of ethical standards "serves no useful purpose" could create difficulties, especially under challenge

from pressure groups.
Since he joined from Saab. Mr Butler-Wheelhouse has been careful to emphasise how little Smiths will change under his leadership.

One obvious change would be to reduce the group's overwhelming reliance on the British and American markets. Only about 12 per cent of Smiths' sales are with continental Europe. This is partly a reflection of Sir Roger's profound scepticism about the much-discussed restructuring of the European aerospace and defence industries.

So far, little has changed to challenge his view about the formidable political obstacles that stand in the way. But Mr Butler-Wheelhouse may look more kindly towards Europe.

PAUL DURMAN

OUR VERDICT

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growth slows down

By Anne Ashworth

THE British passion for plastic money is showing signs of cooling and the novelty of the debit card in particular is beginning to dim.

While cards continue to be the fastest growing means of payment, as cheques lose favour, there is a marked decline in the rate of growth of card usage. Card spending in October

grew at 16 per cent year on year, half the rate of increase seen in the same month in 1996, according to figures published today by the Credit Card Research Group month of subdued growth.

The decline in spending in September was attributed to the mourning that followed the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. But the CCRG now believes the trend could also be indicating a slowdown in

In 1996 the October card figures suggested that the nation had already begun its Christmas shopping. But CCRG could see no evidence of early seasonal spending last month.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Yorkshire Water to back 'tree' generator

WORK is to begin in the new year on a E28 million project. backed by Yorkshire Water, to generate electricity from the branches of fast-growing wil-

The ecologically friendly scheme, at Egglington, north Yorkshire, is expected to be able to generate up to 10 megawatts of electricity - enough to supply 20,000 homes - by

1999 and will be the largest project of its kind in Europe. The plant is being developed in a joint venture between Yorkshire Water, which is not known for its environmental record, and Termiska Processor of Sweden. Yorkshire will own 85 per cent of the shares and the project is expected to

cost about £28 million. About 800 acres of wood-

Alfred McAlpine sells Hall & Tawse

ALFRED McALPINE, the builder, will today armounce the £20 million sale of Hall & Tawse, its regional contracting business, to Mansell (Jason Nissé writes).

The deal means that McAlpine has now fully withdrawn from general contracting and will concentrate on isebuilding, civil engineering and special projects. This objective was set out last year when McAlpine wrote off £30 million to withdraw from contracting. However, when it bought Raine for £84 million this year the deal brought with it Hall & Tawse, a contractor operating in the Midlands and the North.

Oliver Whitehead, chief executive of McAlpine, said yesterday: "We could not admit we were going to sell Hall & Tawse, but that has

land is being planted in north Yorkshire to supply fuel for the generator. These forests will largely be made up of fastgrowing willow trees which will be pruned back at the end of each season to provide wood for the plant. Electricity will be produced

in a process called gasifica-tion. The wood is placed in glass-lined metal cylinders and heated to temperatures as high as 900C, so turning it into gas to power turbines that generate electricity. This process produces

more electricity more efficiently than burning the wood," said Keith Pitcher, project director for Yorkshire Water. Mr Pitcher said that the design of the plant had been agreed and letters of intent had been sent out to contractors. Work is due to start as soon as the weather allows in the early part of the new year.

The process used in the plant can be adapted for other fuels, such as animal and human faeces, though this project does not have apporval from the European Commission to use those fuels.



Resourceful: Lawrence Steingold, left, finance director of Tetra, with Bob Critchlow

Tetra comes to market

designs and supplies software for enterprise resource plan-ning, will this week float on the Stock Exchange through the placing of 12.3 million shares at 160p each, valuing the company at £40.3 million

(Chris Ayres writes). Dealing in Tetra's shares is expected to begin on Thurs- products, especially given the,

day, and the placing has been underwritten by HSBC Investment Bank, which is acting as sponsor and broker.

Bob Critchlow, the company's chief executive, said: "We are delighted by the response we have received from institutions and the enthusiasm we have seen for Tetra and its

Tetra's products are sold and distributed in over 20 countries and used in more than 60. Its customers include DHL. Glaxo Wellcome, Motorola, Spillers and US Filter. The market for enterprise resource

Chancellor's cue to flesh out the fine words of July

Budgets always conjure up the colour red. Perhaps it is the Chancellor's red panying Budget document, normally in a red cover, is known as the Red Book. Or is it the ssociation with red ink? Whatever the answer, tomorrow the Chancellor will deliver the first "Green Budget". What on earth will he say?

Before any readers with pathies get excited, I should emphasise that you should not anticipate a string of environment-friendly mea-sures, although he may well discuss "green" taxes as part of his overall tax review.

Green is rather meant to denote the status of this Budget as a discussion document. I should also emphasise that "Green Budget" is the unofficial title. The Trea-

sury has apparently decided to call it the Pre-Budget Report.
As such, it fills the slot previously oc-cupied by the old Autumn Statement that Chancellors used to deliver in November to tide them over until March. Doubtless tomor-

will cover much of the same ground. Accordingly, we should prepare for another of those fascinating accounts of the state of the economy, spiced with comments that laud the contribution of the current Government and denigrate the record of the previous one, as well as a revised economic forecast, and a progress report on the state of

the public finances. But we should also expect a good deal more. The original idea of a "Green Budget" was to lay down possible measures to be taken in the real thing, so that a period of debate and discussion could clarify the issues and improve the detail. In practice, this was always going to be difficult to pull off. Imagine that the Green Budget proposed a particular tax get transactions done to preempt the impending change. It would be possible to prevent this by announcing that any measures that were included in the March Budget would be backdated to the "Green Budget" date in November, But retrospective taxation is unfair and politically unattractive.

Accordingly, it comes as no surprise that the jungle drums are telling us to expect no tax changes to be implemented tomorrow, and no backdating to November 25 of any measures announced in March. So tomorrow's event will surely stop well short of the "draft Budget" originally mooted. Nevertheless, we are told that the Chancellor hopes that it will spark a national debate. Above and beyond the usual seasonal fare, it will probably include discussion of reform of the welfare state and of the idea of enshrining in legisla-tion a code of fiscal stability.

On the detailed tax front, favoured candidates for discussion include the introduction of a 10p starting rate of income tax, the abolition of advance corporation tax (ACT), and reform of capital gains tax (CGT). Many 2 private investor will salivate at the thought of reductions in CGT. I sense, though, that they will be disappointed. If Mr Brown does contemplate changing the tax, I suspect it will be to abolish the indexation allowance. Far from reducing the impact of CGT, this would increase it. The discussion of the state

of the economy will be more interesting than usual. For Mr Brown is in something of a pickle. Some members of the Cabinet are apparently un-easy about the most recent interest rate rise imposed by the Bank of England. Accord-

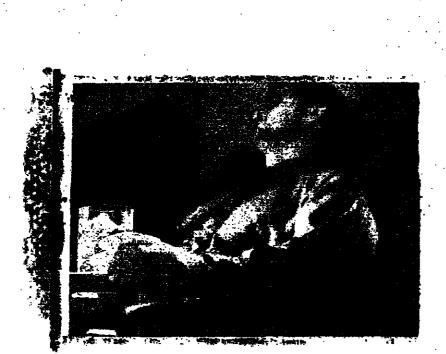
ing to some reports, the Chancellor is one of them. It is all very well for Mr Brown to shrug his shoulders and say "nothing to do with me, guy", but sions he has made since taking office have been to hand power over interest rates to the Bank and to es-

chew the big rise in taxes that would have reduced the pressure for higher interest rates. Stir in widespread investor anxiety about EMU and you had a perfect recipe for a strong pound, which would squeeze manufacturing and traded services while leaving

One of the chief drawbacks of giving power over interest rates, to the Bank is the separation of fiscal and monetary policy. Under the old regime, when the Chancellor was contemplating whether to raise rates he had a pretty good idea of what sort of Budget was in the offing. Equally, when he decided on the Budget he knew his own mind on interest rates. Under the current set-up, however, the Bank's monetary policy what the coming Budget will have in store.

One thing Mr Brown could usefully do tomorrow is to let it know, along with the rest of as. Suppose he were to reveal that not only will the Budget continue with the very tight squeeze on public spending but it will also include some further small net tax increases, implying a further fiscal tightening. This might help to stay the Bank's hand and to take some of the shine

off the pound. In his July Budget, Mr Brown said: "My goal is therefore to ease inflationary pressures without damage to industrial and exporting prospects and to do so in a way that is consistent with our long-term objective of high and stable growth and em-ployment. Fine words. Tomorrow he should make it clear that he intends to follow





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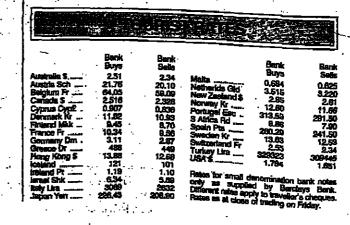
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SHAREHOLDERS in Walker Wingsail Systems, who have ploughed £12 million into the company, will next week try to oust the founder of the controversial group, which makes yachts with metal sails.

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John Walker has spent half a lifetime trying to make a business out of his revolutionary idea for boats with metal sails. But after years of missed forecasts, some of his previously indulgent shareholders have finally lost patience. They are exasperated with Mr Walker's repeated requests for more money and with the numerous flaws that they allege exist with the only two boats that his Plymouth company has ever completed.

They say that the customers for one of the boats, Rodney and Maria George, have re-fused to accept delivery.

Royal Navy commander, was approached to take over as chairman two months ago. He came to believe "the company was fast approaching a position where it would be trading insolvently". Walker Wingsail is currently trying to raise a further £1.5 million from its

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Mr Walker also faces legal threats from the US. Wingsail USA bought the first of Walker distributor for the boats. But than £1 million, claiming that celled the distribution deal. The shareholder group is

Charles Howeson, a retired

estimated 6,500 shareholders.

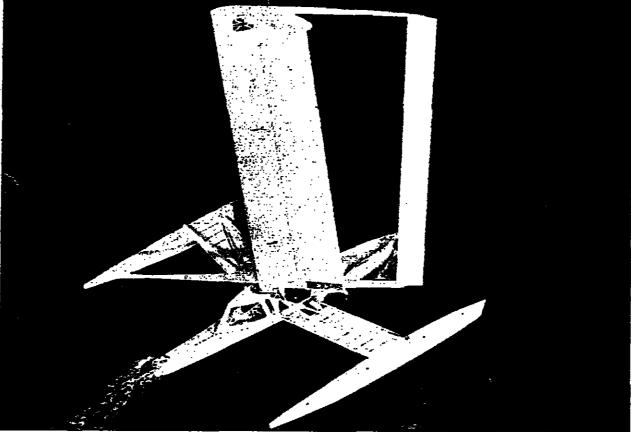
Wingsail's Zefyr 43s with the intention of acting as the US the owner of Wingsail USA is now seeking damages of more Mr Walker arbitrarily can-

urging fellow investors not to adopt Walker Wingsail's accounts at the annual meeting next Saturday. In a circular, the group says: "We have to conclude that the 'illustrative projections' for the next 12 months and for the next five years are no more believable than any others which have been made in the past. We do not believe these forecasts, and we no longer have confidence in any statements issued by the current management."

Despite the years of disapbelieve in the wingsail technology - aircraft-style wings, mounted vertically and controlled by computer, and said to make sailing much easier. The activist group wants to install new management, to cut costs, increase sales, tackle the quality problems and eliminate the threat of litigation.

Mr Walker, who did not respond to a request for comment, is said to regard these moves as an attempt to take control of his company for a nominal sum. Commander Howeson describes this as "a conspiracy theory totally without substance".

Mr Walker, 60, has spent nearly 30 years developing his idea. Walker Wingsail originally raised money under the Business Expansion Scheme. Aided by his chatty newsletters, Mr Walker has successfully wooed his shareholders to put up more money. Jim Lancaster, an adviser to the shareholder group, believes that Mr Walker has already secured £400,000 with his latest cash call.



pointments, shareholders still Rebel shareholders believe in the wingsail technology but want new management to cut costs and increase revenues

Battle over BTR | Penny share firm unit takes shape

By CHRIS AYRES

margins of more than 20 per

cent. Brokers have valued the

division at £2.7 billion, al-

though some analysts believe

it could sell for more than £3

billion. Goldman Sachs, the

investment bank, is handling

the sale for BTR, which is part of a programme designed to raise more than £3.5 billion.

This month, as part of its

restructuring, BTR sold most

of its polymers division for

£515 million, in the second largest UK management buyout of 1997. The 33 buri-

vehicle called UniPoly, fund-

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BTR, the engineering conglomerate undergoing a radical disposal programme, is understood to be in negotiations with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the American buyout firm, to sell its international packaging operations. CVC Capital Partners, the

UK venture capital buyer, is also believed to be interested in the division, which includes brand names such as Formica and Rockware. Both CVC and KKR are expected to put forward bids this week. The packaging operations, based in Australia, China, Europe and Mexico, are highly profitable and have

fined by Fimbra

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

A DEALER in the penny share market has been fined a record £350,000 and ordered to pay £69,175 costs by a City

The Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Association (Fimbra) said it had terminated London Corporate Securities' membership for failing to observe high standards of integrity and fair

dealing. Fimbra said LCS lacked the grounds for believing its recommendations were either clients and had not provided an adequate explanation of the risks involved in penny shares. The company had also failed to obtain signed agreements before entering into transactions where there was clear conflict of interest and had not effectively monitored its staff.

This is the fourth fine in a year that Fimbra has levied on rogue penny share traders. In April and July it fined City Equities and Park Equities £250,000 each.

Earlier Danesfield Securities had to pay £75,000. Four other penny dealers have yet to be admitted to the Personal Investment Authority, the regulator which has largely su-

CBI leaders press Blair to make **EMU** work

By Philip Bassett and Deborah Collcutt

LEADERS of the Confederation of British Industry will today press the Government to make economic and monetary union a success when it takes over the presidency of the European Union.

Their call, which will anger anti-EMU business leaders who have attacked the CBI's support for the single currency, comes as Lord Simon of Highbury, the Minister for European Trade and Competitiveness, hinted that Britain may be ready to join EMU in the second wave in 2002.

Speaking on Friday after the annual European Banking Congress in Frankfurt, Lord Simon said that if the circumstances were right Britain could become a member sooner than currently expected.

Technically speaking, if the preparation goes correctly we could join in 2002," he said, adding that there is a six-month "grace" period when Britain would be able to make the final adjustments needed to enter the currency union.

CBI leaders are pushing aside criticism of the confederation from some of its member companies for being too pro-EMU by maintaining that the UK Government must work to make the single currency a success when Britain takes over the presidency of the EU

on January I.
Tony Blair will set out Britain's objectives for its European presidency when he and a team of senior ministers launch the UK's new EU role early next month. But before then CBI leaders have already sent Mr Blair proposals that they regard as priorities for

Britain's presidency. The CBI sets out five key business objectives for Britain's six months "in the hot seat" of the EU presidency: completing and enforcing the EU single market, redefining European social legislation priorities. preparing for European enlargement, reinforcing Europe's commitment to liberalising world trade, and "prep-

aring for EMU". CBI leaders say that the UK's presidency "comes at a crucial time for EMU. Strong leadership will be required to ensure that the conditions are in place to give EMU the greatest probability of success.

Midland staff vote on strike

MIDLAND BANK staff begin voting today on whether to strike in protest at the high street bank's decision to stay open on the afternoon of Christmas

Eve (Adam Jones writes). About 20,000 members of the Bifu finance union are being balloted on the proposal to strike on Christmas Eve. Voting continues until December II and the result will be announced the next day. At Barciays Bank, mem-

bers of Bifu and Unifi. another union, are already Eve in protest over a new performance pay system.

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When the music stopped The fun face of history for Seoul's merry-go-round

South Korea is bankrupt,

writes

Rosemary Righter

the Minister sat bolt upright across the dinner table, his smile fixed — there is no direction. He spoke heavily accented English, which came out in staccato bursts, punctuated at every phrase with a quickfire "yes-yes" that did duty as a hesitation stammer. The stiffness seemed entirely

appropriate.
This was no ordinary evening, although within 48 hours South Korea's reluctant decision that it had no option but to turn to the International Monetary Fund had made this encounter seem like the calm before the storm.

That was Wednesday. For the second day running. South Korea's foreign exchange market had suspended trading within minutes of the opening bell, arresting the won's descent only thanks to rules, changed the very next day, that stopped play as soon the currency shifted by more than 2.25 per cent.

The Finance Minister had resigned a couple of hours earlier and Lim Chang Yuel, his replacement, had rushed into a press conference with a long list of measures that revealed more about the Govemment's anxiety to show that it did not need the services of the IMF than it did about any real game plan for addressing the spectacular collapse of confidence in South Korea's

How there was to be a game plan until well after the December 18 presidential elections was unclear, with the three front-runners in the campaign competing with each other in the issue-avoidance stakes. The South Korean National Assembly's last act until next year, had been to kick into touch most of the financial reform bills judged essential to a return to economic health.

What has compelled action regardless of politics is that South Korea, the world's eleventh largest economy, is technically bankrupt. The Government, which used to boast about the health of its foreign exchange reserves, no longer releases the current figures.

The most that it will admit publicly is that at the end of last month, they were \$30.5

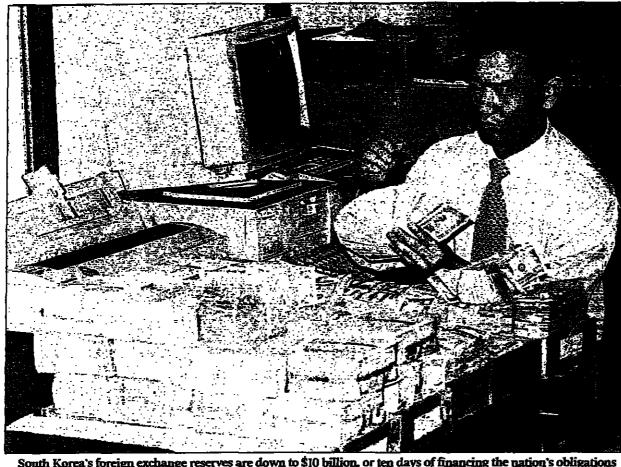
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South Korea's foreign exchange reserves are down to \$10 billion, or ten days of financing the nation's obligations

three months' worth of imports, and barely more than the estimated \$25 billion of short-term foreign debt that falls due within the next five reeks. That was grim enough to cause a collapse of investor confidence, but was still far short of the true picture.

The Times has learned that what the country's powerful bureaucrats in the Ministry of Finance and the Economy and the Korean national bank did not disclose even to the President before this week is that the true figure is around \$10

forward contracts stacked up committing the central bank to sell dollars at a set rate, that amounted to about ten days' worth of financing. Between Wednesday and Friday, South Korea attempted to cajole Japan and America into bridging the gap. When the answer came back

that it could expect help only in on Tuesday, before adjourning : checonjext of an IMF package, Friday night, President Kim Young Sam broke the news to a country told for weeks that all was well and that the collapse in foreign investor confidence was irrational, or even malicious. The political backlash could be severe.

The statistics underlying this crisis are as grim as those behind Japan's seven-year slump - with the difference that Japan is the world's biggest creditor and can to that extent choose whether or not to face facts, whereas billion (£18 billion) — less than South Korea's coffers are emp-

ty. They include serious trade and current account deficits; some spectacular bankruptcies affecting some of the most powerful Korean industrial conglomerates, the chaebols, with the certainty of more trouble in the pipeline; and serious over-supply in key industrial sectors.

Many leading banks are technically broke, with bad debt counting for between 100 and 400 per cent of the capital base of the top nine. The roots of the problem lie in South Korea's highy interventionist

Years of being told, formally or informally, by governments where to extend credit have made the country's financial institutions almost reckless of the bottom line: Confident that the state would always bail the chaebols out of trouble, they have piled up bad debt through imprudent and barely

monitored lending. That confidence has been that looks to the Government to sort out whatever troubles they encounter.

s elsewhere in Asia, some of that money has gone into office blocks that are unlettable; but more important than the bursting of the property bubble is the massive over-gearing by a handful of dominant corporations that have treated debt as a commodity, not something that has to be repaid.

For the past five years, foreign capital has fuelled an investment boom in which companies have expanded their core business and also branched out into new hightech sectors.

The watchwords were expansion, market share and full order books: the question rarely asked was whether this massive expansion was yielding a return on investment. For this strategy to pay off, the merry-go-round had to keep going faster, but now the music has stopped.

South Korea's growth is likely to be 3 per cent next year, less than half the rate to which it is accustomed; and at that rate, the debts piled up cannot be paid.

These problems are compounded by a dramatic decline n South Korea's once formidable competitive edge. Lab-our laws and practices, that make the Britain of Arthur Scargill's prime seem a model of flexibility, are pricing its exports out of the market. The militancy of the counthe long years of authoritarian rule. Since the country became a democracy, they have become formidable powers in the had a rough deal under dictatorship, they can muster strong public support when they assail any attempt to limit those powers as an assault on democracy.

The result has been wage explosion which, at 15 per cent a year for the past seven years, has far outstripped productivi-ty gains and taken real industrial wages above those in The near-impossibility of

laying off workers, let alone firing them outright, means that many companies are in addition overstaffed by 10 per cent or more. The Government had a stab

at liberalising the labour market last winter, but when the unions took to the streets in violent protest, it deferred implementation of the critical reforms for two to live years. The crunch could not have

come at a worse time. Power in South Korea is concentrated in the President; the race to succeed Kim Young Sam, the profoundly unpopular incumbent, is wide open and whoever wins on December 18 will not take office until February 25. The system is thus paralysed just when some of the toughest decisions in the country's history are required, and in weeks rather than months.

To the north, both Seoul and Washington are acutely aware that the Pyongyang regime is so desperate that it has never been more unpredictable.

Yet unlike Japan, Koreans will probably bite whatever bullet they have to. This is Asia's most "can do" society and they have been here before.

In the oil shock of 1973, one of the advisers drafted to the President's emergency economic council that was created last week recalls, the country was so broke that the governor of the central bank ersonally flew to New York to borrow \$200 million; "We were that low".

When Koreans are de cribed as the Irish of Asia, it is because they have a limitless capacity to pick themselves up in a most cheer way in the full confidence that everything will look far better the next morn-

Like every Korean I have encountered during a week which in any other country would be counted catastrophic, my host on Wednesday seemed so unruffled that I try's trade unions is a legacy of prepared for another round of international response.

assurances that South Korea was immune from the South-East Asian disease, that the markets would very soon recognise the country's "sound economic fundamentals" and return to their senses, that South Korea was in for a tough couple of months but no, not more than that,

y host shared in

that optimism. But he did not minimise the above all, the problem of knowing where to begin on reform. "South Korea has been so successful, yes yes, that it is not like the old days. It was easy to fix things before because we were a very little animal, a mouse, ves-ves. Little animals are easy to cure. to anaesthetise, to see what is wrong, to operate. But South Korea today is a small elephant. So that is not so easy. We are not even sure, yes-yes

The answer is that the Government, this time, cannot do all the lifting. That is the first message that it has to get across. South Koreans will have to accept many things that they have reckoned unacceptable.

Even with an international rescue operation that could cost well over \$60 billion, that will include mergers and some closures of bankrupt financial institutions and companies, with large-scale job losses, the opening of the still fiercely protected domestic market to investors and standards of disclosure that prevent future problems from building up undetected.

South Korea, a country without natural resources, is justifiably proud of the speed with which it has lifted itself out of grinding poverty. That pride sent it to the IMF far later than it should have gone. and the delay has given it a cold that will make the rest of the world sneeze.

The virus need not be lifethreatening; this is a country with enough underlying industrial strength to pull through and a highly educated and motivated workforce. But tough times are ahead not only for South Korea, but for Asia and for the Western world whose corporate investors, from Bangkok to Scoul, have been so slow to perceive the cracks in the Asian rice-bowl of success.

The terms of the deal will have to be tough; but once they are agreed, self-interest alone should dictate a generous



The History Hour BBC2, LiOpm

Adam Hart-Davis, minus his bike and coloured clothing but not his hearty enthusiasm, teams up with a new face, Jane Constantinis, to convince us that history is fun. Running Mondays to Fridays over the next three weeks, The History Hour is split between "classic" (that is, repeated) documentaries and tips on how to unearth local and family history. After a showing of the 1994 film by Richard Holmes (of War Walks) about preparations for the D-Day landings, we join. Hart-Davis and Constantinis in Leeds. Hart-Davis's stroll down Briggate yields a rapid survey of 700 years of civic history which takes in the origin of Marks & Spencer and the claim, from Sir Jimmy Savile no less, that Leeds saw the invention of the disco. The revelation is typical of this chummy show.

Channel 4, 8.30pm

The imminence of the new pantomime season is the case for a series which explores the business through one of its leading impresarios, Paul Elliott. He is staging no fewer than 18 pantos this Christmas, from Aberdeen to Southampton, and the cameras follow the gestation of three of them. the cameras follow the gestation of three of them. Lionel Blair, John Inman and Britt Ekland star in Lionel Blair, John Inman and Britt Ekland star in Cinderella and Matthew Kelly is the lead in Elliott's biggest production. Mother Goose in Birmingham Kelly describes Elliott as a man who loves panto, loves making money and a workaholic. He also has no time for performers who think they are bigger than the show. But he can turn on the charm, persuading a reluctant Danny La Rue that the best place for him at Christmas is Sheffield.

Movers and Shakers Channel 4. 8.00om

Postscript: Designs for Living

Radio 3, 9,35pm

first hint of Modernism.

This entertaining little series continues to demonstrate that most innocuous games can arouse the most extraordinary passions. Even, and by no means least, dominoes. The film covers a needle match between teams from Bristol and Luton. All the players are of West Indian origin. Dominoes, it may be surprising to discover, is

Gary Wilmot in Cinderella (C4, 8.00pm)

widely played in the Caribbean and immigrants to Britain have maintained the tradition. The Luton team, called The Young Guns, is led by the self-styled Professor Lara, a name derived from his knowledge of the game and admiration for the last-scoring cricketer. The match demolishes any idea that deminose is just a same of chance. Too that dominoes is just a game of chance. Top players, such as the Professor, look several moves ahead and communicate moves to their partners through coded gestures. Play is fierce and noisy but unfailingly good-natured.

Equinox: When Pigs Ruled the World Channel 4, 9.00pm

Thanks to Jurassic Park we are familiar with the dinosaur period but the Permian epoch, which preceded it by 50 million years, is much less well known. This informative documentary usefully fills the gap. The starting point is a footprint discovered by a farmer in the Karoo Desert of South Africa. This has led geologists to pursue evidence of the abundant animal life of 250 million years ago, including expertures suchains from years ago, including creatures evolving from reptile to mammal that can plausibly be described as our ancestors. This menagerie was all but destroyed in a mass extinction probably caused by a rapid heating of the Earth. The most notable survivor was a pig-like creature, the lystrosaurus. Talk of mass extinctions brings the film rapidly to

Sportstrack Radio 5-Live, 7.30pm

Today marks the beginning of National Architecture Week so you may like to take up a pen and write to whoever designed that hideous block you pass every day on the way to the shops. Or you may prefer to listen to this new series, which is the shop of the same I have the beginning the same I have the beginning the same I have the beginning the same I have the same that the same t This programme is back for a new series and, as before, it uses a format which some people will find infuriating. The programmes consist of extracts from sporting commentaries and interviews in a particular year, broken up with contemporary music from the time. But people with even a passing interest in sport will find that the format becomes mesmerising, its very disjointedness adding to the drama. And there are some splendid about the design of houses. I have only heard the first of the five programmes so I cannot guarantee we will discover why all shower cubicles are half as big as they need to be and nearly all kinchen sinks moments, as with this piece of cricket commentary: There's a lot of pressure on young Warne's shoulders, he will know that his team is expecting him to come on and take some wickets. Shan Warne, off only two or three paces, he bowls and

RADIO 1

have the worst view in the house, but we do hear architects variously describe a house as "an

inhabited sculpture" and, more encouragingly, "the ultimate test for an architect". Tonight starts with Charles Rennie Mackintosh's Hill House, the

6,30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 9,00 Simon Mayo 12,00 Jo Whiley, Includes at 12.30pm Newsbest 2.00 Mark Radditie 4.00-Dave Pearce 6.15 Newsbest 6.30 Evening Session 8.30 Live Music Update 8.40 Andy Kershaw 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Cike Warren 4.00 Chris Movies

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TALK RADIO

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6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Vivaldi (Concerto in B flat, La Caccia); Finzi (Clarinet Concerto); Sarasate (Fantasy on The Magic Flute); Debussy (Prédude a l'Après-Midi d'un Faurre); Rossini (Overture La Ceneratiola); Wagner (Sieglined Idyli)
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Hobday. Includes Ravel (Alborada del Gracioso);
Liszi (Grand Studies after Pagarini Nos 1-3);
Refice (Per amor di Gesu); Mozart (Plano Cusrhet
in E flet)

10.00 Missical Encounters, with Mary Miller. Bernstein
(On the Town, excerpts); Rubinstein (3 Caprices);
Copland (Old American Songs, Set 1); Hakim
(Hymne de l'Univers); Ives (Six songs); Warlock
(String Serenade); Copland (Old American Songs.
Set 2); Beethoven (Callo Sonsta in G Minor);
Bernstein (Lonely Town, On the Town)

12.00 Composer of the Weels Richard Massenst
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lanchtime Concert. Live from
St. John's, Smith Square, London, Plane-Laurent
Almard, plano. Berg (Sonstal); Schoenberg (Pieces); Webern (Variations); Schoenberg (Three
Pieces); Webern (Variations); Schoenberg (Three

Pieces)

2.00 The BBC Orchestres. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Martyn Braiblins and Thierry Fischer. Liszt (Prometheus); Chopin (Plano Concerto No 1 in E minor); with Piers Lane, plano, Liszt (Mephisto Weltz No 1); Strauss (Don Juan); Beethoven (Symphony No 1 in C)

4.00 litusic Matters, iven Hewitt with the latest news and views from the world of classical music (f)

WORLD SERVICE

6.00em Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelt: The Handmeid's Tale 7.30 The Virtage Chart Show 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 8.16 Pop on the Line 9.60 News: News in German (648 only) 9.06 World Business Report 9.15 Major Killers 9.30 Westway Access 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Ohmbus 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Jazzametez 12.00 News 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Seven Days 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Options 3.00 World News; (648 only) News in German 3.05 Sports Roundup 3.15 Westway Access 3.30 The Ed Stewart Show 4.00 News 4.15 Saven Days 4.20 The World Today: (648 only) News in German 3.05 Roundup 3.15 Westway Access 3.30 The Ed Stewart Show 4.00 News Malcolin 4.15 Seven Days 4.30 The World Today; (648 only) News in 9.00 Eig. German 4.45 Eritain Today 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Alinson Business Report 545 Sports Rousidup-6.00 Newsdeek 6.30 9 90517 9556 Minute; News in German (648 only) 7.00 News 7.01 Outlock 7,25 Pause for Thought 7,30 Multitrack Hit List 8,00 Newshour 9,00 News 9,00 World Business Report 9,15 Britain Today 9,30 Horitage 10,00 Newsdask 10,30 The World Today 10,45 Sport 11,00 News 11,05 Outlook 11,30 Multitrack Hit List 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am Weshway 12.45 Britain Today 1.00 Newsdesk 13.0 Seven Days 1.45 Poems by Post 2.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Seven Days 1.45 Poems by Post 2.00 Newsday 2.30 Ch Screen 2.00 News 3.05 Business 3.15 Sport 2.30 What Do Christians Belleve? 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Europe Today 5.00 Newsday 5.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00mm Alan Mann 9.00 Henry Kelly with The Classic Masterpiece and Record of the Week 1.00pm Listener Request Hour with Jene Jones 2.00 Concerto. Grieg (Plano Concerto in A minor) 3.00 Jamile. Crick 7.00. Newsnight with John Brunning 7.30 Soneta. Both Soreta for Yola de Germba in G minor) 8.00 Evening Concert. John Taverner (Western Wynde Mass); Plainchant (Introlt) Taverner (Kyrie and Giorie); William Byrd (Gradusi Motet); Plainchant (Sequence and Allekies), Taverner (Credo); Plainchant (Offertory); Thomas Tallis (Offertory Motet); Taverner (Sanchus, Benedictus and Agrus Del); Plainchant (Communion); Thomas Tallis (Ontertory Motet); Taverner (Sanchus, Benedictus and Agrus Del); Plainchant (Communion); Thomas Tallis (Communion motet); John Shepperd (Motet) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00mm Concerto (r) 3.00 Merk Griffiths

4.45 Music Machine. Verity Sharp tails to John Savage about the music scene that grew up in Liverpool in the 1950s and 1960s 5.09 in Turne. Perimen, Mozart, was and Terfel are amongst Sean Reflerty's music selection. Plus the studio guests is the aoprano Vivian Tierney who makes her debut as Tatyana in the English National Opera's new production of Eugene Checin

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7.30 Performance on 3: As part of its tour of Japan
and Korea, the BBC Symphony Orchestra under
Andrew Devis, with John Lill, plano, performs
Wagner (Prefude Die Melstersinger von Numberg);
Schumann (Pieno Concerto in A minor); Sibelius
(Symphony No 2 in D)

9.35 Postecript: Designs for Living. See Choice (1/5)

10.00 Voices: Schubert-Rartites, Iain Burnside
presents unusual Schubert songs in duer form,
Juliane Banse, soprano, Angelica Kirchschlager,
mezzo, Christoph Pregardien, tenor, Olaf Ber,
beritone, Josel Sterlinger and Mericus Pierscher,
horns, Wolfram Rieger plano. Schubert (Mellied;
Der Mongenstern; Lutzows Wilde Jagd; Hymne an
den Unendlichen; Shifter und Vinneit, Cromnar;
Hektors Abschliec; Artigone und Oedip; Der Tanz)

10.45 Mibring it, with Mark Russell and Robert Sandell

11.30 Composer of the Weelt: Richard Strauss (r)

12.36am Jazz Notes, Digby Fairwesther presents the
Bryan Spring Trio in a two-part concert from
Appleby 1997. Bryan Spring, drums, Mark
Edwards, plano, and Mick Hutton, double bess

1.00 Through the Night with Donald Macleod

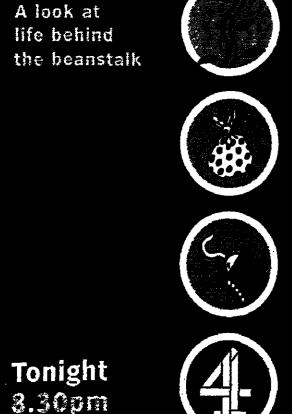
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Givan, an English missionery in Sierra Leone in
the early 1960s (2/6)
10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 Women's Hour. Introduced by Jerni Murray
11.30 Honey Box Live, with Vincent Duggleby
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3.00 The Afternoos Shift, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoscope at the Belfest
Feethvel. Lynne Walker reports from the festivel
that includes the Merca Curningham Dance
Company. Robert Wison's Steints and Singing and
the Druid Theatre Company
4.45 Short Starty: From the Slips. David Benedictus
reads his new story about a cricioster who decides
to abandon the game and change his life
5.00 PM, with Clare English and Nigel Wrench 5.50
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6.00 Sbx O'Clock News
6.30 Pm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. The comedy coiz finds itself in Newcastle (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme with Simon Paries (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Paganini Diream, by Max Hillman. A young musician receives a visit from Paganini. With Freddie Jones, Maggie Steed. Peter Shorey and Samy Ormonde
9.00 The Mineclearers. Brian Barron joins a British-led team of volunteers risking their lives to clear misofields in Cambodia (r)
8.30 Kaleidoscope at the Belfast Festival (r)
10.00 The World Tastight, with Robin-fustig
10.45 Book at Seidiams-Another Time, Another Place. Jessie Kesson's account of an Aberdeanshire farm which takes on foreign workers in 1944. Abridged by Brian McCabe, read by Vicid Masson (1/10)
11.00 (FM) At the Shoulder of History. John Miller take to Alex Tourneyan, who, as America's Franch-specify Interpreter was involved in negotiating a range of chase(2/5) (r)
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12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Bright Lights, Sig Chy. Jay McInemiey's classic take (6/9) (r)
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10.40 On Side John Inverdale interviews Peter O'Sullevan, Lester Piggott, England cricket coach David Lloyd. Plus: John Fashanu speaks out for the first time ; on the B (T) (758434)

11.30 Film '97 with Berry Norman Barry reviews First World War drama

Eugenio Martin (3575816). 1.25am Weather (9464767)

1.30 BBC News 24

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Success? Anything but a surprise, surprise

ichelle from Bourne-mouth, as pretty as her hair was long, pierced obvious answer. There she was, an encouraging hand on Michelle's navel glinting in the studio lights, shoulder, just as she has encouraged countless Blind Date conteshad got to question two. She was reading media studies (cue an "ooh" from the audience, who like tants over the past 12 years. There she was, propping up Saturday night just as she has for very a girl with brains) and was hoping to go into public relations. "If you nearly 30 years. Miss Cilla Black is could have any job in the media what would it be?" what "our Graham" calls her; Singing Priscilla" or "Cyril" is The other side of the Blind Date what John Lennon used to call her. (ITV, Saturday) screen, "the lads"

We just call her Cilla and can't gave it some thought. Lads one remember a time without her. and three quickly got nowhere, answering Murray Walker and a Like Alison Moyet and, no doubt, millions of others, I grew up Gladiator respectively. Lad two, to Anyone Who Had a Heart. Alex from London, did better with Now, however, there must be young people around, raised on Blind Date and Surprise, Sur-"the producer of Blind Date, so I could change the rules and get rid of the other two". As it turned out, prise, who barely know she was he didn't need a change of rules. ever a singer, let alone who Alfie was. What's it all about? Brit He and Michelle are now off to Delhi, which seems a long way to go for a curry but if that's what it

Girls: Cilla (Channel 4, Saturday) was about to remind us. There's

Cilla's television career passed

But all three lads had missed the in almost subliminal after-thought at the end, with Paul McCartney ringing her up to say he'd written a special song for her new show. It was called Step Inside. That sort of thing, we had learnt by now, kept on happening to Cilia, as John Piper's film concentrated on her six-year singing career.

y now we knew how Lennon had dragged her on stage at the Cavern club to impress Brian Epstein; how Lennon and McCartney had written her first hit and how her association with Epstein led her first to George Martin and then to Burt Bacharach. What's it all about? Well, being a friend of the Beatles

But she also displayed the same single-minded determination that so many of her Blind Date contestants would, 30 years later. "I just wanted to be a star, I just wanted to be famous." And when REVIEW



she was, she loved it. Was she surprised when the follow-up to Anyone Who Had a Heart went to Number One too? "No."

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There was also more than a pelmet of Blind Date about some of the clothes she wore. Piper's film ended with her television career beginning and with a strategically placed Lennon succeeding in dothis modern LWT counterparts will have sympathised) was trying to avoid — looking straight up her miniskirt. As her song finished, Lennon whispered what one presumes was approval. But Cilla wasn't saying. "I wouldn't even tell you what he said today, totally If it was anything along the lines

of "You've shown me yours, so I'll show you mine", then Lennon would have felt thoroughly at home in last night's episode of Tom Jones (BBC!). Equal portions of full-frontal nudity all round—one flash per sex, with Max Beesley's Tom finally parted from his breeches and someone, who may or may not have been Lindsay Duncan, from her frock. Cleverly, Lady Bellaston kept her mask on. so it could have been anyone

But, despite all these "matters of a more shocking nature", as John Sessions's Henry Fielding described them, this is not a particularly sexy interpretation of the

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12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (2092502)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9603095)

1.50 Blue Heelers (5441328)

11.40 Charile Grace (608250)

2.35 Curtis Celle (6246632)

4.50 Eastern Mix (93483293)

5.20 Asian Eya (9045816)

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2.50-3.20 High Road (8433163)

6.25-7.00 Central News (953279)

12.35am Football Extra (5260670)

2.40 Film: Wall of Death (346564)

4.20 Central Jobfinder '97 (67706293)

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12.55 Home and Away (2092502)

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11.40 New York News (324786)

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1.35 Late and Loud (9302038)

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classic romp. This is partly because Metin Huseyin, the director, believes in cutting away when it is clear what is to follow and partly because Beesley has committed himself to portraying a sincere and serious Tom, who romps reluctantly and with a heavy heart. Not sure I believe in reluctant romps.

nless, or control of thanks to yesterday's The (BBC2), I now Natural World (BBC2), I now know only goes in for reluctant romps. Only if the larger male pins the female to the ground does she agree that a spot of tail-entwining might be in order. Just don't expect me to be nice to you in the morning, OK?

Male or female, the Komodo dragons do not believe in being nice. But they are first-class at being terrifyingly horrid. I halfexpected the narrator to reassure

ugliest lizards are harmless vegetarians or eat plankton. But not a bit of it. The dragons are meateaters and not fussy about whether it is fresh or long-dead. They have saliva that can infect a wound at ten paces and the sort of breath you won't find outside a Pall Mall cocktail party. What else? Oh yes. A dozen or so times a century, they have a real result and eat a human Rod Morris's film may have

been a little short on biology, but he had footage that Steven Spielberg would have given a generous slice of Jurassic Park for: huge male lizards fighting over a mate, juvenile dragons who live up trees and adults who think nothing of swimming ten kilometres to the nearest island for a snack. Worth bearing in mind, perhaps, the next time you fancy a dip in the warm.

9.00 Good Living New series presented by Jane Asher (5382618) 9.50 Kilroy (T) (7924845) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (I) (6232647) 10.0 37 to 10.55 The Really Useful Show (1) (7689057) n the year 11.35 Change That In Winchester (4867778) 12.00 News (T) (6079989)

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3.30 Playdays (8933521) 3.50 Enchanted Lands (1969908) 4.00 Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes; Rhyme Stew (9729618) 4.15 Nosh's Island (3713750) 4.40 Goosebumps (6052705) 5.00 Newsround (1) (5290144) 5.10 Blue Peter (1) (9141144)

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8.30 Spark Ashley tries to save face in the

9.30 Hotel Liverpool's Adelphi Hotel is in the

Regeneration, starting Jonathan Pryce; Joe Pesci in Eight Heads in a Dutlel Bag; One Night Stand with Westey Snipes and Nastassia Kinski; and Sigourney Weaver in Allen Resurrection (T) (52347)

12.00 Pancho VIII (1972) Telly Savelas takes the title role of the folk hero whose revolutionary forces embarked on a reign of terror in Mexico in 1916. Directed by

BBC2 6.00em Education: Rich Mathe tivities (18076) 6.30 Putting Training to Work (63453)

7.00 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (1981845) 7.15 Teletubbles (r) (4753328) 7.40 Paris of es (r) (4753328) 7.40 Perils of Penelope Pitstop (r) (2037569) 8.05 Blue Peter (r) (T) (2617366) 8.30 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams. Last in series

(r) (2630873) 8.45 Harry and the

ndersons (r) (1) (9303347) 9.10 Spanish Globo (1768298) 9.15 Clementine (4747386) 9.30 Writing and Pictures (T) (4295521) 9.45 Storytime (4290076) 10.00 Teletubbles (r) (54705) 10.30 Words and Pictures (8645205) 19.45 Watch (9816160) 11.00 Look and Read: Spywatch (1329724) 11.20 Zig Zag (1) (\$193786) 11.40 Landmarks (1) (1688255) 12.00 Lirban Scotland

(8569095) 12.20pm Job Bank (6071347) 12.30 Working Lunch (60279) 1.00 The Greedysaurus Garig (1) (95932038) 1.05 Hairy Jeremy (39398649)

The History Hour Adem Hart-Davis tours historic Leeds (6133960) 2.19 Snooker: UK Champio

fourth-round action (23041521) 6.00 The Simpsons Bart's petty squabble with Lisa rulns the family's Thanksgiving celebrations (T) (882328) 6.25 The O Zone (986618)

6.45 Snooker: UK Championship from

7.30 Making Masterpleces The last in series looks at how the National Gallery carries out repair and restoration work (1) (453) 8.00 Top Gear Raily Report The latest news from the RAC Raily as it enters the forests of Mid-Wales (T) (6908)

8.30 Land of the Tiger; Secred Waters The speciacular wildlife around India's River Ganges (T) (499637). 9.20 Trade Secrets Beauty therapists often alternative tips for a perfect body (1)



Steve Coogan as Alan (10.00pm)

10.00 I'm Alan Partridge The failed television presenter is given an opportunity to create his own particular brand of mischief (34366)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (916521) 11.15 Snooker: UK Championship (258279) 11.55 Weather (704298) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (33651)

12.30em Learning Zone: The Making of Germaine Greer (9579670) 12.45 Great Cwilisations: A Tale of Two Capitals — Christatus A. Tale of two Capitals— Parls and Rome (3375699) 1.35 Rome Under the Popes (8264564) 2.00 Schools: Newsfile (84106) 4.00 Languages; Greek and beginners French (44748) 5.00 Skills for Work (88922)

6.00mm GMTV (4854908)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (5370873) 9.55 Regional News (6897502) 10.00 The Time, the Place (41231) 10.30 This Morning (48173347) 12.20pm Regional News (6068873) 12.30 News (I) and weather (2017811) 12.55 High Road (T) (2092502) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (25999665)

1.50 Maroc 7 (1967) with Gene Barry and Cyd Charisse. Crime drama in which a police investigator goes undercover to calch a fashion writer who moonlights as an International jewel smuggler. Directed by Genry O'Hara (8372927)

3.20 News (T) (8745521)

3.25 Regional News (8744892)
3.30 Tots TV (3699540) 3.40 The Slow Norris (1958892) 3.50 Wolves, Witches and Giants (3647328) 4.05 Sooty and Co (T) (1018322) 4.25 Men in Black (T) (9018142) 4.50 How 2 (T) (6043057) 5.10 WALES: The House (r) (T) (9603095) 5.10 We Are Seven (9603095) 5.40 News (T) and weather (828347)

6.25 Regional Weather (158908) 6.30 Regional News (845) 7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers Philip Schofield (4786)

6,00 Home and Away (r) (1) (802182)



7,30 Coronation Street Judy (Gaynor Faye) receives an unwanted visitor, Zoe Tattersall (Joanne Froggatt) (T) (279) 8.00 World in Action The rise in the Increasingly diseased rat population and the battle to rid Britain of the destructive pests as confusion in dealing with the problem rages (T) (3434)

8.30 Michael Barrymore's Strike it Rich (T) 9.00 Gold Carol is forced to provide a home

for her white half-sister; and Rose crosses a dangerous gang of Leeds pimps (T) (8095) 10.00 News (T) and weather (21892) 10.30 Regional News and weather (307989) 10.40 WALES: Viva Jemima! (481250) 10,40 Nash Bridges Nash and Joe escort a

key witness from prison to San Francisco to testify in an important case (T) (481250) 11.40 WALES: Nash Bridges (1) (324786) 11.40 Highlander (1/2) (324876) 12.40em Football Extra (5269941) 1.40 War of the Worlds (r) (8464941)

2.35 Rockmania (r) (2975212) 3.30 God's Gift (r) (3832090) 4.25 Recollections (40365699) 4.35 World in Action (r) (T) (93488748) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (85699) 5.30 News (38106)



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12,55-1.25 What's My Line? (2092502) 1.55 Homemaker (97520960) 2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (2771960) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9603095) 6.23 Angila Weather (159637) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (953279)

10.30 Angila News and Weather (321569) 10.45 is That it? (344279) 11.15 Nash Bridges (711163) 12.10am Fair Cops (1880903)

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CHANNEL 4

5.55am Sasama Street (80705) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (85163)

9.00 Schools: The English Programme (T) (5375328) 9.25 Schools at Work (1749521) 9.30 Geography Junction (1) (179521) 9.39 Geography Junction (1) (4297989) 9.45 Book Box (1) (4285144) 10.00 Stage Two Science (1) (8111219) 10.15 Rat-a-Tat-Tet (5066340) 10.30 Place and People (T) (2114989) 10.50 Stop, Look, Listen (T) (8359453) 11.00 Living and Growing (1) (3117366) 11.15 The Mix (T) (3107989)

11.30 The Pulse (f) (T) (9188) 12.00 Sesame Street (28705) 12.30pm Light Lunch (52163) 1.30 Gardens without Borders (T) (84186960) 1.45 | Belleve in You (1952, b/w) with Cecil

Parker, Joan Cotlins and Harry Fowler. An Ealing drama about a former colonial civil servant who becomes a probation officer. Directed by Basil Dearden (74529892) 3.30 Collectors' Lot featuring pigeon racing memorabilitia and a collection of

skateboards (1) (873) 4.00 Fitteen-to-One (1) (908) 4.30 Countdown (1) (1543960) 4.55 Montel Williams (1) (9390415) **5.30** Pel Rescue (T) (144) 6.00 Home Improvement American cornedy series (2/2) (T) (647) 6.30 Hollyoaks Jude test-drives an expensive

car: Carol hears from the record company (T) (637) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T)(440540)

7.50 Get Sorted The first of four programmes looking at everyday jobs. Beginning with rustproofing the car (551304)

Movers and Shakers: Dominoes Series on indoor games and the people who play them. Focusing on a team of exuberant players known as the Young Guns put together by enthusiast Trevor Sinclair (1) (3/5) (1076)

Pantoland: The Biz A series on the stresses and pains behind the pantomime industry. The E and B theatrical company led by Paul Elliott prepares to stage around 20



Equinox: When Pigs Ruled the World Life on Earth 250 million years ago (T) (6637) 10,00 Cracker: The Mad Woman in the Attic

The concluding part of the drama starring Robbie Coltrane (r) (T) (2480637) 1.05 Armstrong and Miller Cornedy starring Alexander Armstrong and Ben Miller (3/7)
(1) (754873)

11,35 The American Football Big Match (423231)

12.50am Trans World Sport (r) (5259564) 1,50 Football Italia (r) (17531496) 4.00 Schools: Geography Junction (T) (4001729) 5.15 Schools at Work (8612380)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge, Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz, sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (2329989) 7.30 Milkshake! (4075231) 7.35 Stickin!

Around (6476182) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (4491647) 8.30 WideWorld Documentary series about computers looking at the information superhighway and virtual reality

9.00 Espresso (2364434) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (8461786) 10.30 Pole Stars: Land of the Loon (r) (T) (5946732) 11.00 Leeza (7019540) 11.50 Double Espresso

(94293540) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (1241124) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (8206873) 1.00 5 News Update (83405429) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (3095347) 2.00 5's Company (8063415)

3.30 The Awful Truth (1937, b/w) Romantic comedy with Cary Grant and Irene Dunn, directed by Leo McCarey (8270057) 5.20 5's Company — Late Extra (13458434)

5.30 Whittle (T) (3450095) 6.00 100 Per Cent (3457908) 6.30 Family Affairs Duncan inadvertently lets slip to Chris that Holly is gay (T) (3431960)

7.00 Exclusive with the guest presenter Sarah Cox (5039434) 7.30 Dwellers of the Deep: Before the QII

William Sound, Alaska, before the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989 (T) (3437144) 8.00 Period Rooms This week's challenge is

to recreate an authentic Regency olining room (T) (5048182) 8.30 5 News (T) (5034989)

drama series staming John Thaw and



Lee, Tavaré and Eclair (10.00pm)

10.00 The Comedy Network presented by Boothby Graffoe with Jenny Eclair, Stewart Lee and Jim Tavaré (2864193) 10.30 Tibs and Fibs Lighthearted medical quiz (4596291)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Comedy and chat (4068989) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (8865908)

12.45am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine (51919980) 3.45 Asian Football Show (8177800) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco Police drama series (7199309) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2352699)

World 4.00 Greg's World 5.00 Aspects of Life 5.30 Coean World of John Stonetnen 6.00 Sports Seleris 6.30 Wet and Wild 7.00 Travel Live 8.00 On the Horzon 8.30 Pathinders 9.00 An Aenal Tour of Bittain 10.00 A River Somewhere 10.30 Snow Salari 11.00 Chilcott's Sevens 12.00 Close

4.00pm Weapons at War (7200453) 5.00 The Great Ships (2206434) 6.00 Ancient Mysteries (3683386) 7.00 Blography: Rea Hayworth (2196811) 8.00 Close

12.00pm Food Network Daily 12.30 Antony's Scotland 1.00 Food for Thought 1.30 For Bette, for Worse 2.00 Frances Basself's West Country Racine 2.30 Food Network Daily 3.00 Surprise Chells 3.30 Graham Kern's Michien 4.00 Can 1 Stand the Heat 4.30 Planet North 5.00 Clims

6.00am Tiny Living 9.00 I Dream of Jeannie 9.30 The Gordon Blion Show 10.10 Jerry Springer 11.00 The Young and the Restless 11.50 Brookside 12.20pm Why Me? 1.00 Tempesti 1.50 Ready, Steady, Cook 2.30 Cheap Chac 3.00 Live at Thes 4.05 Jerry Springer 5.00 Rolands 5.50 Liudy Ladders 6.20 Ready, Steady, Cook 7.00 Hearts After 7.30 Mystenes, Magic and Miracles 8.00 Adrenalin Juriose 9.00 Halilax to 11.00 The Sey Fies II 12.00 Close

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Heat 4.30 Planet Nosh 5.00 Close

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6.00mm Morning Glory (720673) 9,00 Hotel (67366) 10,00 Another World (26434) 11,00 Days of Our Lives (46236) 12,00 Oprath Whitney (68236) 1.00pm Garaldo (86076) 2,00 Sally Jessy Rephael (75366) 3,00 2.00 Satly Jessy Rephasi (75386) 3.00 Jenny Jones (98502) 4.00 Open Wintey (17637) 5.00 Shar Trek: Voyager (6163) 6.00 Live 6 Show (2453) 6.30 Merried. with Children (3705) 7.00 The Simpsons (7692) 7.30 Reel TV (9869) 8.00 Stat Tesk: Deep Space Nine (37989) 9.00 Potergisks: The Legacy (4055) 10.00 Siders (43540) 11.00 Star Tesk: Voyager (27163) 12.00 Late Show (65729) 1.00em in the Heat of the Night (72212) 2.00 Lang Pay (5102361) SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

8.00 A Dress is a Wish Your Heart Makes (1985) (7425144) 9.48 Heart of a Champion (1985) (7425144) 9.48 Heart of a Champion (1985) (2565076) 11.30 Keleidoscope (1986) (87100724) 1.15pca A Dress is a Wish Your Heart of a Champion (1986) (26279) 5.00 A Promise to Carolyn (1996) (8347) 8.30 Leat of the Dogman (1995) (96786) 9.05 Up Close and Personal (1996) (20557785) 11.15 Tensinal Voyage (1994) (39821) 12.55cm Losing Isalah (1996) (419477) 2.48 Moving Violations (1996) (908279) 4.15 Guarding Tess (1996) (848835) SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

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6.10em Blockade (1936) (82130144) 8.00
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Station West (1945) (38309) 12.00 To Be or Not to Se (1942) (25851) 2.00pm Meydley at 60,000 Feet (1976) (3234)
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12.35am Colours (1986) [8752233] 2.35 Red Firetracter, Green Firetractor (1985) (7605361) 4.30 | Married a Witch (1942) (41859125) TNT__

9.00pm Vive Law Vages (1964) (8714078) 11.00 Meet Me in Law Vages (1968) (84129724) 1.00em That's Ember-talement (1974) (25903854) 3.15 Vive Las Veges (1964) (21845106) 5.00 Close SKY SPORTS 1

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7.00em Spenteth Football (52873) 9.00
Racing News (90569) 9.30 Aerobics (98281) 10.00 Football Special (13231) 11.30 Motorsport (32960) 12.00 Aerobics (70705) 12.30pm 87/R/A Metath Racing Finel (7273) 1.30 Football Special (63980) 3.00 Baskethell London's Sheffield (46057) 8.00 Sports Centre (4827) 6.30 Football League Review (1989) 7.00 Tottenham Hotspur v Crystel Palace — Live (2886714) 10.30 Sports Centre (90182) 11.30 BT/RVA Metath Racing Finel (72637) 12.00 Totenham Hotspur v Crystel Palace (49853) 10.30 Sports Centre (58670) 3.30 Cobe (49855) 2.00em Sports Centre (31980) 2.30 Football League Review (32187) 3.00 Sports Centre (58670) 3.30 Cobe (49855) 2.00em Sports Centre (52670) 3.30 Cobe (49855) 2.00em Sports Centre (52670) 3.30 Cobe (5200 CENC) COLOTES 2 SKY SPORTS 2

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8.00pm The A-Team (6172973) 9.00 Tour of Duty (6192637) 10.00 Red Shoe Diaries (5578298) 10.46 FILM: First Blood (1982) (44433873) 12.25em Lesia Metsen's Unbalanced World — Shon (8462380) 12.45 Tour of Duty (3381318) 1.45 Red Shoe Diaries (4664354) 2.30 FILM: First Blood (1982) (4703564) 4.30 The Head (5303903) 5.00 The A-Team (6002309)

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Brown to stifle hope of extra spending in Budget report

By ALASDAIR MURRAY ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

GORDON BROWN will warn ministers in tomorrow's pre-Budget report that there will be no let-up in restraint on public spending even though the Government's debt problems are fast disappearing. The Chancellor is concerned that, with the Government on course to beat the current Treasury forecast for the

(PSBR) this year, spending departments a seemingly healthy fiscal position was

will start clamouring for extra money. However, in a paper prepared as part of the pre-Budget report, the Treasury has set out its view that the Government must try to surpass its borrowing targets in order to avoid the financial problems that have hit previous administrations.

The Treasury believes that if the current state of public finances are taken at face value, there is a risk of repeating the errors of the Lawson years in the late 1980s, when

used as an excuse to cut taxes, only for the public finances to deteriorate rapidly as the recession took hold.

Mr Brown will instead commit himself always to "err on the side of caution" in managing the PSBR and not to change the Government's debt targets over the course of an economic cycle. To help to achieve this, the Treasury will in future publish two adjusted measures of the PSBR, which will let the Chancellor assess the under-

line on public finances will please the City and should ultimately ensure that the Government is rewarded with a fall in the long-term cost of borrowing. The City expects Mr Brown to cut the full-year PSBR by about £3 billion from its current £10.9 billion target, but is concerned about the outlook for public finances as the

economy slows next year. The Treasury position will be backed by two other initiatives in the pre-Budget

report. Mr Brown is expected to announce plans for the first fiscal responsibility code, which will lay down government reporting requirements on the state of public finances. He is also likely to restate the Government's two fiscal rules: the "golden rule" that it will borrow only to invest over the economic cycle and the rule that public debt should be held at a prudent proportion of national income.

A Treasury paper, Fiscal Policy: lessons

1986, when the economy's strength helped government finances to go into surplus and the Treasury forecast surpluses for the foreseeable future. The Conservatives used the forecasts to make big tax cuts, but the recession made the deficit worsen, and exceed 7 per cent of GDP in 1993-94.

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Barclays seek new casino licence at Ritz

RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

DAVID and Frederick Barclay, the reclusive twins whose interests range from hotels to newspapers, will today apply for a casino licence in the name of Aidan, David's son, for the Ritz

Hotel, their London flagship.
If the Barclays, based in Monte Carlo, succeed, it will be only the second new licence awarded in London in nearly 20 years and the first for a new entrant to the business. They are supported by such prominent figures as Lord King of Wartnaby, Lord Hanson and George Carman. OC.

London Clubs International

man of Liberty, yesterday

control of the troubled retail group next month (Chris

He said: "I'm not certain I

can stand up to the threat.

You can't say you're confi-

dent of the outcome when

the opposition has 47 per

cent of shares. It's up to the

shareholders and I hope it's

decided by those without a

Ayres writes).

currently runs the Ritz Club in the Ritz Hotel, but the licence runs out in the new year and London Clubs plans to take the franchise to a nearby venue in Central London. The closeness of this casino may work against the Bardays.

They have hired Mr Carman to put their case to magistrates that a new casino licence should be awarded in David's son's name for what will be the vacated basement of the Ritz Hotel.

The licensing authorities will want to convince themselves that the Barclays, who are so secretive that they have

art-Liberty family, who

ioined other rebel share-

holders to call for a meeting

Gaming Board is opposing the Barclays' application. In his evidence supporting the Barclays, Lord Hanson will say the Barclays are fit and proper people to hold a casino licence. In addition, Lord Liberty chairman King, the president of British Airways, will argue that a casino licence in the Ritz Hotel is unsure of survival part of the process of ensuring

class tourist destination. Retaining a casino in the Ritz Hotel is seen as a key part op the hotel, including the creation of an American bar.

that London remains a world

bought up the rights to photographs of themselves to pre-vent the pictures from being

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ty. The Gaming Board rescin-ded a number of licences in the

1970s, including those for

clubs run by Ladbroke and Playboy. Ladbroke has return-

ed to the London scene, buying

four casinos and winning the

first new licence for two dec-

ades when its application for a

site in Tottenham Court Road was accepted in August. The

on December 11, when they Recently a lot of the Barcwill attack Mr Cassidy's lays' efforts have gone into deplans to spend £43 million veloping their newspaper inton Liberty's flagship store in erests. Apart from increasing London and his decision to the circulation of The Scotsman and Scotland on Sunput the company up for sale. day, their weekly, The Euro-They will attempt to appoint Odile Griffith and pean, is moving to magazine format and a Monday public-Brian Myerson to the board. ation date on January 19. Sunday Business, their latest purchase, is due to be relaunched. also in January, with an expensively assembled stable of journalists led by Jeff Randall, a former sports and City editor of The Sunday Times.



London Clubs International currently runs the Ritz Club but plans to seek a new venue in the vicinity when the licence expires in the new year

Yamaichi crisis may cost 300 UK jobs

RY ADAM JONES

MORE than 300 London employees of Yamaichi, the in Japan, will learn their fate this morning. The broker is poised to shut down after an emergency board meeting

held last night Yamaichi's management, struggling under liabilities thought to be greater than 200 billion yen (£940 million). admitted on Saturday that a shutdown was being considered. It would be the biggest business failure in post-war Japan, Yamaichi is celebrating its centenary year.

The Japanese markets will be closed today for a national holiday. Most other stock markets around the world are

SENIOR finance officials hid the true extent of South Korea's financial problems from the figure was actually around \$10 billion. The country's president. Kim Young Sam, until Publicly, Korea, which has now turned to the IMF for assistance, said it had \$30.5 billion

(£18 billion) of foreign reserves, barely enough

to cover its foreign indebtedness, but in fact the country's financial crisis has brought a arlier this week. Rosemary Richter writes collapse in the vaule of the Korean won, the to the IMF for up to \$60 billion of aid.

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likely to fall, said Roger Bootle, chief economist of HSBC. the banking and financial services group. He added that the Japanese banking crisis was already factored into share prices, so the drop should not be catastrophic. He said: "I would have thought something like this

would have been substantially discounted." Japanese bond futures traded in London are particularly likely to be affected, traders said at the weekend. On Friday, Wall Street rallied late in the day despite clear indications in the afternoon that Yamaichi was poised to cease trading. The yen also re-bounded from initial falls to

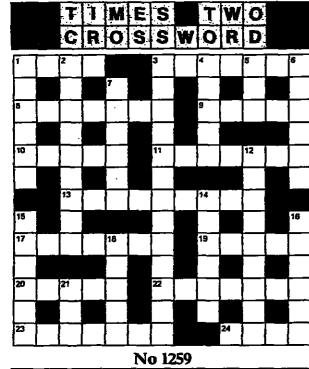
close at 126.3 to the dollar. Yamaichi's main office outside Japan is in London. About 260 London securities staff employed by Yamaichi International (Europe) will this morning. Another 50 work for Yamaichi Bank, a profitable wholesale and commercial bank, in London. The bank is thought to be less threatened than the troubled securities operation.

discover their fate at a meeting

Yamaichi's other outposts include New York, Frankfurt, Paris and Amsterdam. It has already closed an office in Milan, as well as smaller representative offices in Mafinancial systems inside and outside Japan before Asian markets opened. The Bank of England said it was watching events closely.

Japanese banks have been sent reeling by the global instability in equity markets. which has cut the value of their reserves. The fall has exacerbated racketeering scandals plaguing many Japanese companies.

Fuji Bank, said it is expecting a Y10-20 billion loss on loans to Yamaichi affiliates at home and abroad, while adding that this should not be



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By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government is to bring forward legislation to introwage as one of the industries most likely to be hit by it claims that it could cost up to 90,000 jobs.

to make it unlawful for any employer to pay below a minimum level to be determined by the Government. George Bain, chairman of the Low Pay Commission. vesterday forecast that a mini-

Ministers are ready to publish a Bill, possibly this week,

mum wage would be operational by April 1999, once the been passed. He told BBC-TV's Breakfast with Frost: "All the indications are that the Government intends to introduce the legislation in this session of Parliament."

Business in Sport and Leisure, an employers' umbrella group for the industry, which employs about 25 million people, yesterday said the minimum wage could cost up to 90.000 jobs.

Ministers ready | Napier poised to to legislate on pay quit Redland role

ROBERT NAPIER, the embattled chief executive of Redland, will leave the building materials group whatever the outcome of the £1.6 billion hostile bid currently being made for the company by Lafarge, its French rival.

His departure was confirmed yesterday by Redland, which pays him £435,000. including a basic salary of £332,000, on a two-year rolling contract. He is expected to receive compensation of about £700,000. Rudolph Agnew,

Redland's non executive chairman, will become executive chairman to help to fight the 320p per share bid by Lafarge. Part of Redland's strategy is to sell its 56 per cent stake in Redland Braas Building, its European roof tile subsidiary, for an estimated £800 million.

Lafarge yesterday denied reports that it was considering raising its offer for Redland from 320p per share to 350p per share. Redland will publish its

defence plan on Wednesday.

Mr Parry, chief executive of

would adore the chance to

French face battle of superloo

By Fraser Nelson

A BATTLE of the superloos is set to break out in France next week if Jean-Claude Decaux. the country's richest advertising baron, is told that his company must accept headon competition from More Group, its UK rival.

Decaux SA, which owns almost every bus stop, superioo and street map in France, will next Monday learn whether the Government will take action to loosen its stranglehold on the the country's £250 million "street furniture" market.

If the company is told to reword contracts with French local authorities, as is widely expected, the sector will be thrown open to competition, with More Group positioned as the strongest outsider. Decaux's billboard rivals,

with a tiny slice of the French

superioo market, say the

company uses complex con-

The Federation d'Affichage, representing poster groups, will hear next Monday whether competition authorities will allow local authorities to scrap any restrictions and invite new bidders. More Group, which has

UK bus stop market for years has stepped in for 25 years. through the More O'Ferrall brand, is already advancing More Group, said: "We on its rival. Last July, the city of Rennes ditched its contract compete in France, because with Decaux and handed a we won in Rennes and I'm £1.6 million deal to More Group. It says this is the first



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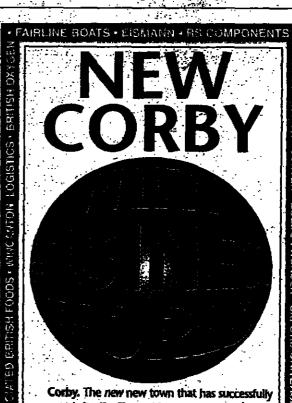
ments in world markets.

sure we could do it again. No company can possibly complain about lighting on a level playing field and it means the local authority gets more for their money. "I can live with the fact that there are Decaux bus shelters. in the middle of London; it's

> M Decaux is widely credited with inventing the street furniture market, then making it the largest in the world. Under its system, private companies approach city councils and offer to build and look after anything from bus stops to high street maps.

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Councils pay nothing, while the company pockets all proceeds from selling advertising space which is always built in.



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